COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
November 4, 2024 Minutes
City Hall
16 James Street
Middletown, New York 10940

J. Miguel Rodrigues, President
Ald. Jude Jean-Francois
Ald. Andrew Green
Ald. Paul Johnson
Ald. Gerald Kleiner
Ald. Sparrow Tobin
Ald. Kevin Witt
Ald. Kate Wray (Absent)
Ald. Joseph Masi (Absent)
ALSO PRESENT:
Richard McCormack, City Clerk
Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

(Pledge given)

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Roll.

CITY CLERK: Alderman Tobin.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Here.

CITY CLERK: Alderman Jean-Francois.

ALDERMAN JUDE A. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Here.

CITY CLERK: Alderman Johnson.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Here.

CITY CLERK: Alderwoman Wray. Alderman Kleiner.

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: Here.

CITY CLERK: Alderman Green.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Here.

CITY CLERK: Alderman Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Here.

CITY CLERK: Alderman Mass. President Rodriguez.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Here.

CITY CLERK: Quorum is present.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Approval of minutes.

CITY CLERK: We have October 1, 2024.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Motion to approve.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: So moved.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Alderman Green. Second by Alderman Witt. All in favor?

(Chorus of ayes)

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Passes. Correspondence.

CITY CLERK: We have the municipal shelter inspection report from September 27, 2024.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Received and filed.

CITY CLERK: Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Anything else?

CITY CLERK: That's it for this evening.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Okay. For the good of the city, anyone would like to address the council, please step forward. Just remind to be respectful. Three minutes.

JASON EACHMAN: All right. Good evening, Council. My name is Jason Eachman. I am a city resident, and for the sixth consecutive meeting, our community has gathered to urge you to pass Middletown Ceasefire Resolution. I'd

like to commend each and every one of you for passing a resolution calling for global peace.

I know some of you were concerned previously about commenting on international affairs, so this is certainly a step in the right direction. It acknowledges that Middletown does not exist in a silo, that our city is part of a larger global community, interconnected and influential beyond its borders.

As President Rodriguez emphasized, our city has a strong relationship with our congressmen, and part of the council's purpose includes engaging with elected officials in Albany. This is why we feel this is the appropriate place to voice our concerns. The only way real positive change happens in this country is when everyday working people start rising up within their communities and build up pressure locally on these issues.

Each and every one of you has the power to promote and solidify our city's effort by championing a ceasefire resolution so we can add our city to the list of municipalities calling on our federal government to end the violence. Our resolution must include verbiage calling for an

immediate permanent ceasefire. The resolution recently passed does not include this. It also doesn't include any wording about halting military funding to Israel and redirecting those funds to our community. We'd like to see a stronger version passed, and we are willing to work with you on getting this done.

Now, briefly, regarding good cause eviction, back on August 20th, Alderman Johnson stated that good cause was on the legislative committee's potential agenda, but that you were waiting for the administration to gather appropriate facts and figures about the law.

Since then, Beacon, Hudson and Newberg have all passed strong versions of the law since I last spoke about it here in the summertime. So we really just want to make sure that you are working on this. We need Middletown's Common Council to sponsor legislation with a portfolio size of one unit, maximizing protections for tenants. That is the key part of this law that we need, because there's a lot of small landlords.

We want to make sure all our tenants are protected. Longstanding residents of this

community are being evicted left and right. Is good cause eviction in the committee yet? Is it being drafted? Please speak to this as well as the ceasefire resolution in your remarks. Plenty of folks, you know, this is their first time coming up here to speak, so we'd really like to hear your input. There's a lot of times that we come here and you guys will say, like, no remarks for today, nothing today.

But people are literally, you know, shedding their heart out, like crying their eyes out up here. We would like you to respond, and it's the least you could do. Thank you.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Mr. President, I'd just like to address. Sir, I'm not sure why you would think that I would not be truthful, but if I say it's under consideration, it is under consideration. If I say the administration is studying it, that's because the administration is studying it. I do not need you to remind me. Thank you.

SAM KIMBALL: Good evening, council members. My name is Sam Kimball. I'm an Orange county resident, born and raised. I'm an American, which, sadly, I do not say proudly

today because of the murder of civilians by the tens and hundreds of thousands in Gaza today by bombing, burning, sniping, starvation, disease, summary executions and more by Israel's army, which my country pays for with my tax dollars.

It is arming a genocidal military high on utter impunity and racist fantasies of eliminating Palestinians. It is visible on social media for anyone with an Internet connection to see. It is this country here providing the bombs, funding and unquestioning diplomatic support to protect this genocidal army, no matter the cost.

Middletown must call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza and an embargo on all military aid to Israel, without which it will not stop its mass violence. We are witnessing the crime of crimes. They, anyone who sees this, and you, cannot say they do not know, or that it's, quote, "too complicated".

But what will you do about it? An example: a coalition of unions representing millions of union members in the United States sent a letter to President Biden urging for a permanent, immediate ceasefire and halt of

military aid to Israel. Here you are, elected officials in Middletown, New York, holding a meeting to hear the views of your community members. You know my demand which aligns with the views and desires of many other community members who know the horrors being committed right now.

But you previously issued a largely empty resolution calling for "peace across the globe and an immediate and unconditional release of all hostages." But what does this mean? Why do you avoid taking a stance on the clearest crime against humanity of our time, one that calls for a ceasefire in the Israeli war in Gaza and a hard stop to American weapons to Israel? Is it because you claim that the rest of the council is not interested or that your constituents don't vote for you because of your foreign policy views?

Are lobbies threatening you? Are you just careerists who will not rock the boat in ways that might bother those higher up in the political chain, like the mayor? I certainly hope not. This is a moment of mass death, aided and abetted by our government, in which you can

choose to have courage and to take a small, simple action that is in line with our moral imperative as people who want justice, not oppression. History will judge harshly those among us who do not take action to halt this crime. May you rise to the needs of the people of Gaza, to the need to stop genocide. Thanks.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Thank you. For the rest of the people coming up, please just tell us if you're a resident of Middletown, where are you from. We'd like to hear where you're from.

ADAM BYRNE: Good evening. My name is Adam Byrne, and Middletown has always been my city. And it pains me on a deep level to know that, like every other city in America, our tax dollars are funding the deaths of tens of hundreds of thousands. You might think it's too big for you. I think it's too big for me. But here I am. Here we all are.

It's not. It's certainly within our wheelhouse to do something. I understand how you may feel that it's out of your hands, but it is -- but it is absolutely not. We can begin to see real change if this city calls for a ceasefire.

And I do believe that, and I hope you are willing to do something so small and simple that could have effects that are so huge. Thank you.

CODY: Hello. My name is Cody. I am a lifelong resident of Newburgh. I go to school in Middletown. I spend my money here. My great grandmother survived the Odessa massacre in Ukraine, which was when half of all Jews in Odessa were killed by Romanian Nazis and the other half survived.

My great grandmother watched her neighbors and friends and family be slaughtered. And luckily for me and for her and for my father and for my sister, she made it out alive. What I am seeing with these pictures and videos coming out of Gaza is horrifically remnant of what she would have saw. She's no longer with us and I don't pretend to know what she would have thought about this situation.

But as someone who would not be alive today if it weren't for the bravery of others to stop a genocide, I call on my elected representatives from all over New York State and here in Middletown, where I spend my tuition money and my tax dollars on your goods and at

your stores to call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza because we cannot let any -- sorry. Never again means never again for anyone. And Israel does not have the right to commit a genocide just because of the atrocities of the Holocaust.

MIA ROSARIO: Hi, Council. I would definitely like to reiterate the point that Jason made. We do appreciate that the Council did --

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Just for the record, can you state your name and where you're from?

MIA ROSARIO: My name is Mia Rosario. I am from Chester, New York. I would like to reiterate what Jason had said. We do value that the council did take the opportunity to take a stance on what is happening around the world, but we do want to take that another step forward. One thing that I really want to acknowledge is what is happening in Gaza, blatantly, in every sense of the word, is a genocide.

It's not a war. It's not based on religion. It is a genocide. You have the UN, some of the most --Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, some of the most accredited organizations in the world saying the same thing

over and over and over again. You have this state being tried for genocide in international court. You have the state have already been charged as apartheid. Those things, it's not okay anywhere, no matter any sort of biases or how we feel about any sort of group of people, especially when those biases are based on false allegations.

Apartheid, which is as similar as what America experienced or did to African Americans with Jim Crow, it is not okay for anyone anywhere, at any time. Apartheid South Africa, we can all acknowledge was wrong. That includes Palestine and Israel. These things are just as serious then and in those situations as they are here now. Those situations are exactly applicable. And we can all look back in those situations in the past and, and as Americans be like, you know, that was the past. Those are things that are bad. We're different now.

But clearly we're not. Clearly we're not. Because when we went to school and we went to history class and we sat there and we learned and we said to ourselves, oh, if I was born in this time, I would have been different. I would

have done something, I would have said something, I wouldn't have been like the other people who were quiet or allowed these things to happen to innocent people. We are living that now. America has never changed.

The world is still the same as it has always been, with the same small groups of people committing atrocities around the world for small corporate interests. We understand that these things are about oil. We understand these things are about control over the Middle East. We understand these consensuses. But none of these things are a green light or are okay for us to say that it's okay for genocide and that these issues are too complicated because they are not.

The City of Middletown, while small, is one piece of an entire puzzle. Are we not a part of the United States of America? Do we not represent our country? We are funding this, and it's simply wrong. And there's no way to dice it or slice it any differently. Thank you.

CHARLES LEWIS: Good evening, council members. My name is Charles Lewis. I am a lifelong resident of Middletown, the Fourth Ward. I'm here to, first of all, commend you all for

coming to some sort of resolution. The last time I was here, it seemed to be up in the air of what should be done. So I'm very proud to say that my town was a town that said they was going to do something. I'm asking us to go a little bit farther, not as far as other people have gone.

I'm here to let you know that Italy already said that they're going to stop supplying Israel. They've done that since October. Germany refused to supply weapons to Israel since March. UK has canceled around 30 licenses to supply weapons. France and Spain advocated for full weapons embargoes. Canada has suspended 30 permits for arms sales to Israel. United States, the Biden administration threatens to halt weapons supply to Israel for its fight with Hezbollah and Iran.

I'm just asking for the norm because there's dying kids. That's all we're asking for. We have to make it stronger. We have to make it louder because it counts, right? It's our money. It's our voices. We're all going to vote tomorrow, right? The vote counts. Our money counts. If our votes are misused, if our funds are misused, then what's the point? It means

we're powerless. I don't see a powerless person in here because you signed a resolution. I'm just asking to go a little further. I heard over the freeze, there was problems with 301 getting people housed and homeless. So that tells me we don't have the option to make any other homeless person in this nation, in this country, in this world. We struggle with it right here. Thank you. Free Gaza.

JEREMY FULTON: Good evening, council members. Thank you for the opportunity to address you. My name is Jeremy Fulton. I live and work in Middletown in the healthcare sector. I'm also a graduate of SUNY Orange. I also request a resolution for a ceasefire.

I think it's important to acknowledge that opposing mass murder and genocidal ethnic cleansing of tens of thousands of women, children and elderly in an imprisoned population is not the same as antisemitism. And obviously none of us have the power to change that. But small actions can build up over time, and we should take action to maybe do what we can to stop this before it becomes another Rwanda. Thank you.

ALEJANDRO: Good evening. My name's

Alejandro. I was here last time. Some of you might remember me. I might have gotten off on the wrong -- the wrong foot. I might have been a little bit more brisk than I should have been. I might have been looking at my telephone instead of making eye contact with you and trying to make a human connection with you.

So I do apologize because I understand that we are all humans. And as a defense of last time I was here, it was out of desperation, sincere moment of desperation, of trying to make as much of an impact as possible. So I apologize. I went on a rant on letting you know that this country is not, in fact, America. It is in fact, the United States of America. Of is a preposition.

I wanted to -- and the last time I wasn't able to complete my speech, I was interrupted and I wasn't able to complete it. But part of what I wanted to complete it was history keeps ticking by. One day we'll all pass and our kids and our grandkids will carry on the legacy of whatever they have to deal with at that time. And I felt that it was important for me to give a contextual, historical place of where we

came from and where we are and thus to where we want to be.

I think as a nation that did, in fact, commit one of the greatest genocides in history, which was the genocide of the Native people of this country. Now, it wasn't us, it wasn't the citizens of 1776, but it was the settler colonialists, which a lot of us represent in some way or another. I know for a fact my ancestors are part of that legacy.

So I want to make better as a citizen of this country by not supporting that legacy. And I wanted to juxtapose it with what's happening in Israel, what's happening in Palestine, actually, what's happening in that Holy Land is that we, with the history that we brought of this settler colonialist, somehow down the line, we've managed to fund a very similar enterprise in the Middle East.

We need to focus our energy on this country. We need to start by being benevolent. We need to be benevolent. We need to be loving. We need to love our own people. But we have to start also by not starting fires abroad. We need to love the rest of the world. The world is

looking at us. I'm telling you from somebody who worked at the United Nations for many years, who worked in part with the U.S. military, with the Air Force, the world has an opinion of the United States based on the way we've done policies domestically and internationally.

My point to you gentlemen and the lady who's not here, we have to look forward and the kind of imprint that we want to leave, that you want to leave. Now, I don't have as much power, let's say, as you guys do, because you have these seats. But it's important to do your best to ask for a ceasefire and for an end of this occupation and stop supporting Israel. We have to do things domestically.

CHELSEA VILLALBA: Good evening, Council. My name is Chelsea Villalba. I am a licensed social worker in the Valley. I have loved ones in this town and spend my hard-earned money here. But at this time, I am unable to continue to support the Middletown economy while it refuses to address the concerns of its citizens.

I come to state my full support for the strongest version of good cause eviction. Follow

Kingston, Newburgh, Albany and Beacon, who decided that they value blue collar workers who earn minimum wage and cannot afford to be pushed out via unreasonable rent hikes during a housing and economic crisis. I also commend you all for passing a resolution calling for global peace and the release of all hostages, including the tens of thousands of Palestinian hostages held by the Israeli regime.

Heartbreak is the weakest word to describe the last 394 days. The death toll of Palestinians increases every minute, with over 120,000 killed, according to the trusted Lancet medical journal, and millions more displaced, disabled for life and orphaned. I see you proudly hang the Ukrainian flag in your lobby. Last I recall, Ukraine is not in the United States.

This signals to me that this body does take a stance on injustices, global or domestic. You may not perceive this as a local matter, but it is a fact that the United States is facilitating the annihilation of Palestinians via the unconstitutional transfer of billions in dollars and weapons to an apartheid state. Our

federal government is misusing all of our collective tax dollars instead of addressing the housing, food security, education and healthcare crises right here at home. I ask all of you to think of your children. Think of your grandchildren.

Think of your family and friends in North Carolina, in Florida, in Spain right now who have experienced tremendous once in a lifetime floods, extreme weather events that continue to happen more than once in a lifetime. And I ask you to use your critical thinking and ask why. Please consider this. Tons of bombs on the face of this planet causes harm to all of us. I ask you to consider that all of these people keep showing up here because their federal officials and state officials have decided that U.S. foreign policy must continue to kill and be an economy of death and destruction instead of taking care of ourselves and each other.

We are global citizens, each and every one of us. Climate does not exist in a silo. So I ask you to consider what kind of future and world you want your children to live in. Thank you.

WOMAN 1: Hello, my name is (indiscernible). I am an Orange county resident. My three kids go to college in Middletown. Thank you for allowing me this time to speak. Today I stand before you as a Palestinian woman, a voice for those who cannot be heard and a witness to unimaginable suffering endured by my people. Recently I had heart-wrenching experiencing by meeting three Palestinians who had been forced to flee out of Gaza.

Fadi, a seven-year-old refugee who lost everything, he was severely impacted by the hunger crisis and reached a point to where he was just 22 pounds. The young boy suffered a medical issue that no child should endure. Noor, 11 years old, another refugee who fled the violence and also suffered medical issues resulted in feeding tubes in order to consume meals, lost her father from the ongoing genocide. And finally, Mara, a resilient 17-year-old young woman after losing both of her legs and lots of family members, continues to inspire us all with her spirit.

Each of their stories a proof of the ongoing crisis in Palestine. A crisis marked by

constant violence, displacement and despair. The world has seen images of bombed out homes, families torn apart and children caught in the crossfire. Yet the true depth of this tragedy goes far beyond what's captured by photographs or the news. Fadi's eyes reflect the pain of loss. His family is scattered and his dreams are shattered. Noor's journey from her home to refugee status highlights the harsh realities faced by many individuals. And Mara, her unstoppable spirit is a reminder of human cost of conflict. She represents so many who has been impacted, yet continues to fight for her dignity.

As I listened to the story, I was struck by the weight of their experiences and it was a burden I cannot fully bear. Yet I'm encouraged to come out and speak. The suffering they went through is not just a Palestinian issue, it's a human issue. It calls for immediate action, for the world to acknowledge that we need an urgent need for a ceasefire. Every day we witness escalation of violence, the loss of innocent lives.

Children should not grow up in fear. Families should not flee their homes. A

ceasefire is not a pause in hostilities. It's a crucial step towards healing and rebuilding the lives. I urge you, as representatives of our community, to advocate for peace, speak to our leaders, amplify the voices like Fadi, Noor and Mara, and stand firm in the commitment of human rights and dignity for all.

Let's not wait for another tragedy to unfold. Let's act now. A ceasefire is merely a request. It's a necessity for future of countless individuals who deserve to live in peace. Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

DANA: Hi, my name is Dana and I'm a Washingtonville resident and I'm a member of this community. I'd first like to acknowledge the Lenape and Mohican land that we occupy here. I'd like to admit something to this room, and that is that I find life hard. I find questions of morality and God often beyond my grasp.

Many times I have tried to do what is right and I am certain that I have failed. I formally studied the laws of this land, thinking that I would arrive at clear answers. But I only

arrived at more questions. It is how I know that my education and interaction with the law was successful. The only thing that I can ask of this room is to be brave and continue to ask the hard questions. It is your job.

As you pour over images of children's bodies burning in the street and are forced to witness the numerous war crimes that we are enduring, I ask that you not shy from the pain of this, that you not allow the news or bureaucracy or the parroting of information to convince you that this is simple or not your problem or that there is nothing that you can do. We are asking you to do something. To ask these questions is not only the basis of the very existence of government, it is the basis of what it means to be a human being.

You know, every law in this nation is based on an older law from this very region. That law is the great law of peace of a Haudenosaunee people. There was a time when they faced great and seemingly endless bloodshed too. But they did not shy away from it. They did not turn their heads or pass meaningless resolutions. They asked and begged for a way to stop it. And

they found it. Anyone who sits here must believe that they were at least as good as they were. Thank you.

MILAD: Good evening. My name is Milad. I'm a Palestinian American. I made home in Middletown. I want to tell you some facts about some terrorism that took place in Palestine. 1946, Zionist terrorist group Irgun bombed the British administrative office in King David Hotel in Jerusalem. More than 96 people were killed.

1948, Zionist terrorists massacred and destroyed the village of Deir Yassin, 110 Palestinians died. 1947 through 1949, the Haganah, Irgun and Stern gangs, which eventually became IDF, occupied more than 78 percent of historic Palestine, ethnically cleansed and destroyed 530 villages and cities, murdered over 15,000 Palestinians and carried more than 70 massacres.

Israel launched a vicious attack against -- 1967, Israel launched vicious attack against the USS Liberty intelligence ship in international water close to Sinai Peninsula coast during Six Day War. Over 171 crew members

were hurt and 34 were killed. In order to attribute the attack to Egypt, the objective was to destroy and kill every person on board. But our friends were exposed by the courage of our sailors. 1982, with the support of IDF, the Israel genocide forces the Lebanon -- with the help of Israeli genocide forces, Lebanon militia perpetrated Sabra and Shatila camp in Lebanon, killing over 3,500 men, women and children over the course of three days. Later the United Nations deemed it to be an act of genocide. Ariel Sharon was personally responsible for the attack and forced to resign. Later he became the Israeli prime minister.

On 11/25/1940, Zionist terrorist group Haganah blew the hole in the bottom of the SS Patria ship filled with 1,771 Jewish illegal immigrants, killing 267 Jewish illegal immigrants and injuring 172. 9/27/24, Israel detonated several thousands of pagers in Lebanon. The blast killed over 37 people, including children and injured nearly 3,000. The town finally has arrived to support or oppose the genocide. And there is no middle ground since who's facilitating it wants us to remain silent or

supported.

If you don't call for immediate unconditional ceasefire, our administration will continue to provide Israel with infant shredding technology. If you do nothing to assist, your hands will be permanently tainted with the blood of defenseless children. When your children or grandchildren ask you, Daddy, you lived through this holocaust, what did you do? What would you say? Did you assist in shielding the murderer or encouraged it?

I'm pleading with everyone to wake up the human inside of ourselves and make a decision after letting go the demon that been possessing us. I just want to think one more thing. I want to thank you for passing the ceasefire resolution that including release of all hostages, which is mainly that includes the Palestinian detainees because the Palestinian detainees are considered hostages by the international law.

STEVE SWIFT: Good evening, Mayor. Good evening, Council. My name is Steve Swift. I'm from Bloomingburg. I try to buy as much as I can in Middletown. And I'm glad the mayor pointed out to me the difference between

Middletown and Wallkill, which honestly I did not know. Anyway, one death is a tragedy. One million is a statistic. When we hear these numbers, there's so many thousands of people died. What got us to get out of Vietnam? This is what? Images. This was -- People remember this. This was My Lai massacre, 347, up to 500 people were slaughtered, mostly women, children and elderly men. I'm sure some of you remember that.

You probably remember this too. This was a photo that changed the course of the Vietnam War. That's what the New York Times said. This is when the colonel assassinated a Viet Cong, a handcuffed Viet Cong in the streets. Probably the most famous photo of all. She's called a "Napalm Girl". That's what American bombs do. You may not have seen this picture because I'm looking at different news media than some of you are maybe.

But this woman, does anyone know who she is? Woman? She's a five-year-old girl. What am I saying? Her name is Hind. And Hind was in a car with her relatives. The car was attacked by a tank. Hind was -- everyone around

her, her family members died. Hind was on the phone for three hours talking to the Red Crescent, asking them to come. They stayed on the phone three hours with her. They sent a Red Crescent ambulance. They had full clearance from the Israelis. You know this. They were bombed. They were killed. She was killed. Everyone's dead.

This young man, Shaban Adaluz, 19 years old. He was a software engineer student who had memorized the Quran. He was hospitalized in a tent next to a hospital connected to an IV. This is what happened to him. Israelis are still investigating. If you can do anything to help us with a ceasefire resolution, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

WOMAN 2: Could you please dignify us with your attention and not be on your phones while you're getting paid to be here?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: You're out of order. Nobody's on their phones, and we're in public comment.

KAREN: My name is Karen. I'm a Middletown resident and this is what I have to say. We need a ceasefire now, an active arms

embargo because it's enough killing. Children should not be dying. Do something about it.

AMANDA: Good evening, council members. I'm Amanda. I'm from the 4th Ward in Middletown. I'd like to start with commending all of you and thanking you for, you know, passing this resolution. I think it's a good start and it's definitely a step in the right direction. So thank you for doing that. I think we do need global peace.

I think we would appreciate for, you know, hopefully the next resolution to be a part of the process and to hopefully include some things that are more specific. And really an example of what that should be is support an arms embargo and measures to end U.S. military aid to Israel, transferring allocated but unspent funds to local domestic community needs, housing, childcare, education, et cetera. That's something that's in the resolution that we are trying to pass.

I think it's a really important point and just something that we can strongly bring up to our government officials to show them that this is what we need. So I think we're all

pretty distracted right now with the election and seeing what's going to unfold. So I think that it's still important to bring up that even though we're distracted right now with this, we can't forget about the annihilation that is occurring right now, more specifically in the north of Gaza where they're killing more and more people every single day and not letting any food or resources get to them.

So I think, you know, no matter what happens for this election, Gaza is still being annihilated. And so a resolution needs to be passed and sent to our government officials either way. So I think that we as the people, we have a responsibility to speak out and demand that our tax dollars go back into the needs of the community and not bombs in another country. And that fact is not going to change based on this election.

Lastly, just want to mention good cause eviction because I'm a tenant, so would appreciate, you know, an update on that because I think it's really important that we get that passed because I would like to be protected as a tenant from, you know, high rent increases and

unreasonable evictions. So thank you.

CHLOE ETIENNE: Good evening, Council and good evening, Mayor. My name is Chloe Etienne. I am a graduate from Washingtonville High School and a longtime resident of the Orange County Hudson Valley area. And both of my grandparents are proud residents of Middletown. There have been a lot of great speeches this evening.

I would just like to appeal to the humanity and spend some time reading out some of just some of the tens of thousands of documented people who have perished in Gaza. The people I am naming are under one year old, so infants. And these are only the ones that we have documented. Joel Attala Ibrahim Al Amsh, female zero years old; Manal Mohammed Majed Abu Al-Auf, female under one year old; Yusuf Hatim Yusuf Abu Mati, male under one year old; Rafif Mahmoud Araf Al Fakawi, female under one year old; Jihad Muhammad Rafat Al Dalis, male under 1 year old; Dia Ahmed Abdul Ati Saleh Musa, male under 1 year old; Lana Youssef Ahmed Lolu, female under 1 year old; Sham Ahmed Fawzi Al Khwafaidi, female under one yer old; Aylul Omar Kamal Abu Raham, female

under one year old; Rayat Khalid Hayed Rajab, male under 1 year old; Basil Mohammed Hassam Abuayab Jasser, under 1 year old male; Suzanne Iyad Muhammad Ali Ashi, female under one year old.

And those are just some of the names of tens of thousands of documented, not to mention the people who we have not found, tragically, people who have been killed with our taxpayer dollars. Thank you.

SARAH: Good evening. My name is Sarah. I'm an Orange County resident. My partner and I send our child to daycare in Middletown and my partner works for the City of Middletown. I am not a full-time activist. No, I am a parent missing bedtime. I'm an educator. I'm a human being.

I'm not here because I'm trying to waste your time. I am here because my friends have asked me for help. Desperate help. And I need your help to help them. You see, my friends are very much alive. Besan, Mara, Mahmoud, Sana, Adam, Hiba, Ahmed, Islam, Faisal, Muhammad, just to name a few. And they have been begging me, a human they've befriended for the last year, to

get the world to listen and to stop bombing their land. Simple as that. I don't think for one second we in this room can fully empathize with their experience in Gaza right now.

Mara told me that she thought her three-year-old daughter Sana was going to have a literal heart attack because of how narrowly her family missed artillery from the IDF during one of their nine emergency evacuations. Basan regularly sends me photos of her crumbling shelter, exposed, leaving her community of 25 completely vulnerable to the rainfall and the winter cold. Islam's family has had nothing but flour to eat, contaminated with worms and disease.

But my friends, who are very much alive, have asked me for help because our government, the government of these so-called United States, has elected to give more and more money to the people who have been aggressively murdering them. The people who slaughtered Mara's husband, who destroyed Basan's newlywed life, and the people who have starved Islam and her family of six.

You all in this room have very

important and busy jobs. I get it. I am an educator. I served in public schools for over a decade. There are a million other causes and priorities to support right now, like good cause eviction, which I hope you all do pass. The resolution that was passed last month was a step in the right direction, acknowledging our role in the greater international space.

But it is not enough. And this is a key opportunity for all of you to be on the right side of history and to also help me help my friends. Support an arms embargo, an end to the violence and help us divest our city tax dollars from arms and weapons manufacturing that further the war machine. I know many Americans feel incredibly anxious at the outcome of the election tomorrow, myself included.

No matter the outcome, after tomorrow, millions of Americans won't have a voice and will likely have a president intent on continuing this genocide, backed by a Congress filled with many other genocide apologists. We need our council to help us still have a voice. Whether you like it or not, this room is 100 percent the forum to be asking all of you to support an arms embargo.

You owe it to them. You owe it to humanity. You owe it to yourselves. Thank you.

CAMILLA: Hi, my name is Camilla. I'm a resident of Middletown. I work in Middletown. I have been a SUNY Orange student. I'd hope to be a SUNY Orange student again in the future. I don't have a particularly moving or eloquent speech prepared for you. I think you've heard many of them tonight and you will continue to hear more every council meeting until you do pass a ceasefire resolution because we will continue to show up.

I spent my life growing up in Middletown and wanting to get out of it. I didn't think this was a particularly fun or interesting city that I saw myself having a fun, interesting adulthood in. I did leave briefly to be living in North Carolina, and then I came back and I'm actually finding that I am proud to live here, that there are a lot of people doing a lot of good work here, including this council.

Honestly, I didn't really know anything about how local government worked besides having watched, like, "Parks and Rec". And it's really interesting to sit here and genuinely to watch

you guys pass, like, all these different, random, small, seemingly insignificant resolutions about parking, about, you know, this, funding this and funding that, and seeing how it all comes together to run an entire city.

I had no idea our city budget was so big, that there were all of these things happening that you help with all of these different causes. And it's really fascinating to watch it in action. And I hope that eventually I will be able to be part of that by you guys passing this resolution that I'm helping to support because that is something that this council can do.

I commend you, as others have said before, for passing a resolution for global peace. I certainly support that as well. And like they said, we can go further. So I urge you to pass a resolution with, calling for a ceasefire, calling for an arms embargo, calling for our tax dollars to stay in Middletown, to stay in New York, to stay in America, to not fund genocide because that is not -- that's not where I want my money going. That's not the person that I want to be. That's not something that I

want to have to be accountable for, for the rest of my life. Thank you.

MOHAMMAD: Hello to all. My name is Mohammad. I am a SUNY Orange student and I am a Palestinian American. I'm here to speak about the urgent need for a ceasefire and understanding in the light of tragic events in Gaza. What we are seeing right now did not begin on October 7th. It has deep roots going back to 1948.

That year established of the State of Israel marked the Nakba, or the catastrophe, for Palestinians and hundreds of thousands who were ethnically cleansed from their homes, setting the stage for decades of suffering and unresolved issues. This extends beyond Gaza and Lebanon or also experience attacks and a humanitarian crisis.

They are not isolated incidents, but part of a larger pattern of occupation, ethnic cleansing and the fight for self-determination that has devastated lives across the region. Let me be clear, this is not a war on religion. This is about occupation and systematic targeting of an entire Palestinians. As Palestinian, Christians, Muslims and Jews have lived together

in the region for centuries. Recognizing this fact is crucial as it shows that this is a struggle for basic human rights, not a religious conflict.

Today, Gaza is a landscape of devastation as entire neighborhoods are reduced to rubble and vital infrastructure has collapsed. More than 45,000 have been killed, including children. Over 1.5 million individuals have been displaced as hospitals are destroyed and doctors are overwhelmed with cases including amputees.

Shockingly, Gaza is now one of the highest percent of child amputees in the world. Let that sink in. Families are being wiped out entirely by American made missiles funded by our tax dollars. These weapons are destroying homes, schools, churches and mosques as well as lives, pushing the population to brink of despair. The violence has already claimed countless lives, with more at risk each day.

A ceasefire is not just a pause. It's a lifeline for those suffering the most without it. The cycle of destruction will continue and more people in Gaza and Lebanon will face catastrophic consequences. As winters approach,

the urgency is even greater. People without homes, heat or basic resources are at severe risk of further tragedy due to exposure of starvation and lack of medical care. What we are witnessing -- thank you very much.

VANESSA: Hello, good evening. Hello. Good evening, everyone. Vanessa (indiscernible) in the second ward. I'm here today for two things. First one, I learned about the world peace resolution from the last council meeting during the livestream.

A couple of things that I feel inclined to add about the resolution I feel should have included for an immediate permanent ceasefire. The recently passed resolution does not include this at all. We can't bomb our way to world peace. A strong version would look like calling on our federal representatives to redirect those funds that are currently funding this genocide to our community who desperately need it.

In regards to good cause eviction, there are now nine cities that have opted to protect their tenants in their municipality and have passed the strongest version of one portfolio size. The housing crisis has gotten

worse over the years. Having organized my community over the years, it's the same horrible situation of being priced out. It is crucial that we can protect as many tenants as possible. I have friends and family with children that have ended up homeless right here in Middletown that I have offered. They have stayed in my home until they could find somewhere where they could stay because they could no longer afford to live alone.

So they had to move in with another family. Can you imagine that? That's considered boarding housing. It's what's been going on. The cities that have taken a stand for tenants are Hudson, New Paltz, Nyack, Newberg, Beacon, Ithaca, Kingston, Albany and Poughkeepsie. It's unfortunate many people in our community now have moved out of the city because they cannot afford to live here anymore. I am urging you all to finally make Middletown number 10 on that list before the year ends. Thank you.

BRAHVAN RANGA: Good evening. My name is Brahvan Ranga, and I'm the political director at For the Many, our office is at 5 Main Street here in Middletown. I'm here to speak on good

cause eviction legislation that you are considering that would protect tenants against unreasonable rent hikes and unjustified evictions.

I really thank the council for considering this legislation, but also want to urge you to pass it with all due haste and move this process forward. This is the single biggest step that the Middletown Common Council can take to protect your tenants. It'll keep families in their homes, it will keep rental prices down and it will empower tenants to ask for better living conditions and needed repairs. Every moment that you delay means more tenants being forced out of their homes, more skyrocketing rents and more abuse by landlords.

Cities such as Kingston, Poughkeepsie and Hudson have already passed good cause eviction and tenants in those cities are using those protections right now to stay in their homes. Here in Middletown, nearly half of the folks that live here live in rental households and over the last five years an average of 25 percent increase in their rents has occurred and 58 percent of the tenants in Middletown are rent-

burdened, which means that their rent is more than a third of their income, which is clearly unaffordable.

I also urge you to pass a strong version of good cause eviction as every single upstate city has so far done. That would include a one unit portfolio size exemption which would cover a so-called LLC loophole that could be exploited by larger landlords by creating multiple LLCs and would also ensure that you cover as many tenants as possible.

I also urge you to create a luxury rent exemption of 345 percent of the fair market rent to make sure that only truly luxury apartments are exactly exempt. I'd also just want to clear up a few misconceptions spread about the law.

Regarding the threat of a lawsuit, this law is fully within the power of municipalities to pass, as has been affirmed by state legislation earlier this year. There have been no successful lawsuits against these local good cause laws after the state passed good cause eviction earlier this year. There's also absolutely no evidence that good cause eviction reduces the housing supply.

This is misinformation that is spread by corporate developers and also would just state that small and good landlords, good landlords that treat their tenants right, that don't rent gouge, that don't evict them without a good cause, have absolutely nothing to fear by this legislation. This law just codifies the existing practices of the good landlords because tenants shouldn't have to rely on the goodwill of their landlords to stay in their homes. That should be a right that's affirmed by the city government. Thank you.

IMANI: Good evening. My name is Imani and I'm an Orange County resident. I'm an educator and I really wasn't going to speak tonight. I actually was going to just be here in solidarity with everyone in the room. But I was truly inspired and motivated by the -- I think she's maybe 9-year-old girl in the back. And then also thinking about what I tell my students, that you need to do things when you're scared.

And I wanted to share with you that Palestine was a place that welcomed me. I just wanted to go on an adventure. And my best friend was teaching there and her partner lived there.

And she is a queer person who lived her life fully even though every day her life was threatened because she's queer and she is so relentless. And I'm standing here for her. I'm standing here for the kids who have no way out.

We should be encouraging and empowering them. They're kids in tech, they're kids in STEM, they're people building businesses. And we need to be encouraging them to live their fullest life and giving them dignity. And it's not fair for us to be here in this country with all this power and not help. My friends and family in Palestine are asking for help. I've sent money, I've marched, I've called people. It's not getting there.

What do we do? At this point, there's nothing for us to do other than to organize and to make our voices and dollars impactful. These kids are so brilliant. These people are so welcoming, so inspiring. The land is beautiful. They have a rich culture. And as somebody who drove up and down the mountains of Palestine in a car, was fearful of falling off the side of the road, I was excited to be there.

All the things that I'd heard about

Palestine before being there, all the fears that I had, I no longer had because people welcomed me. I went to cafes, I talked to people about art, I met students in the street. And I think that we really need to recognize that they are people as well. And our dollars should be funding their development, building their houses back, creating art for them, creating opportunity. So please consider this permanent ceasefire. Thank you.

MARCOS: Good evening, everyone. My name is Marcos. My English isn't that well. So I'm going to have some help tonight. Thank you for giving me the space. I've been living eight years for in Middletown now. And I'm here today because I didn't think what we were fighting for was actually going to happen to me. And what I'm fighting for is the good cause eviction law.

And so today I was reminded because they came to fix the faucet in my house. So he said, you know, I might raise the rent from $1,615.50 to $2,500. And I said, wow. It is very necessary to have support for this law. Thank you for listening and I hope that you will support passing good cause eviction. Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: All right. Thank you. Remarks of the mayor.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Mr. Mayor, can I interrupt for a second?

MAYOR JOSEPH M. DESTEFANO: Sure.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Since the folks are here, I want to reiterate as I'm on the record which was apparently questioned, that it's only at the Legislative committee when you're ready to present and that I've spoken with you once every week or two and then once you're ready to present, it will come to the committee. So if you could address the timing on that or lack thereof so we understand what the process is. Thank you.

MAYOR JOSEPH M. DESTEFANO: One thing is the as I addressed on the Gaza issue in the beginning was the credibility of speakers. And I'm so surprised that when Brahvan was up here speaking that he didn't tell the people regarding who are supportive of good cause eviction that you, me and him have a meeting, I believe, this Thursday, 3:30 in the afternoon.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: That's correct.

MAYOR JOSEPH M. DESTEFANO: And that

him and I have been corresponding by email regarding good cause eviction.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: That was not mentioned.

MAYOR JOSEPH M. DESTEFANO: That was kind of silent and he came up here to present in a way like we've had no discussion on this issue. So that's kind of disappointing when you advocate for a cause that you don't disclose that you have been part of the discussion when he's heard others say to you, I think the gentleman in the beginning directly question your credibility whether this issue was being addressed.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: I took it that way.

MAYOR JOSEPH M. DESTEFANO: Well, you certainly did and you responded, so I'm quite surprised. But our meeting is still on for 3:30 on Thursday and we'll continue to move ahead with the discussion.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Just want to clarify, that is a private meeting, correct?

MAYOR JOSEPH M. DESTEFANO: That is a private meeting, yes. And as him as a representative, I believe, of Nobody Leaves

Hudson, I believe, is the organization he was representing.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Understood, thank you.

MAYOR JOSEPH M. DESTEFANO: So that cleared, I hope in the future then when he does speak that he will make it very clear that there have been not only emails and questions back and forth a little bit, but also offers by him to provide more information and to address any future questions that we may have in helping us to at least move forward on some type of resolution. May not agree with the whole thing, but we have been working and moving forward on it and that lack of disclosure is disappointing.

So let's move on to the presentation for this evening. And this is the O&W announcement that we had within the last couple weeks at the O&W station on Lowe Avenue. This project continues to move forward. We had a major tenant announcement at this press conference with RECAP. The project will now be totally occupied by the RECAP Head Start program and originally it was going to be partially occupied by the ABCD Head Start program. They

pulled out. We were lucky enough to work with Charlie Quinn and the RECAP organization and to secure the tenants -- them as tenants on this project. They will be expanding the opportunity for Head Start within our area. They'll be adding at least 35 to 40 jobs, I believe it was, as full-time positions at a pay of $21 and up.

The project will be a 24 -- projected to be a $24 to $28 million project; many of it's funded with grants that we're still working with. It is not 100 percent project yet. We are now at the position where we're waiting for the final shoring of the building structural so that the state and federal historic tax -- historic preservation people can come in and do the final evaluation and give the direction to our engineers to give the final draft so we can put together bid plans and do update cost estimates. So we're getting closer and closer. We believe the project is going to work. We're very confident and we're happy to go to this next step with the O&W tenant announcement.

Next is we had another grand opening on Railroad Avenue, a nice new business, Studio 504. The ribbon cutting was well attended. We wish

them the best of luck and we thank them for investing in our community.

The last issue I have for today is tomorrow is Election Day. The polls open at 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. The early voting numbers for Middletown are very good. We know that voting is power for us here in the city and some years we have very little turnout. This year we're having a pretty significant turnout and people notice us when our residents vote. So we would implore everyone to get out. Cast your vote if you haven't already done so. If you've already done so, thank you for doing it and I believe there will be rides to polls made available by the different political organizations.

You can search online for whatever party you would like to have a ride from. But if you have any questions on where you vote at, you can call my office and they will give you the information or you can go online to the Orange County Board of Elections and put in the information. But you do need your date of birth to put in there in order to find out your registration information and that's all I have. Unless you have any questions.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Any questions for the mayor? Thank you. Thank you, Mayor.

MAYOR JOSEPH M. DESTEFANO: Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Reports of department heads, economic development.

DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MARIA BRUNI: Good evening everyone. Just a couple items I placed on your desks. All the upcoming events at the Paramount Theater for the rest of the year, front and back. Whole lineup of movies, shows. We're already booking for next year.

Also, our tree lighting is coming. We would like to announce we did secure a tree. We got a nice 39-footer, 40-footer, Norway Spruce. Gerda family from Gerda farms were the folks that are going to be donating the tree. We're looking to cut it on November 16th and transport it to Degnan Square.

I want to thank Jacob and his crew that are assisting on the cutting and all the logistics before we made the decision as well. And I look forward to your support on three resolutions I have on the agenda tonight. And

that's all I have for right now.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Any question for Maria? All right, thank you, Maria.

DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MARIA BRUNI: Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: DPW Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: Good evening. We have several resolutions before you tonight. I will wait until the agenda comes. If you have any questions, let me know. Many of them are budget transfers for overtime to cover overtime due to basically workforce shortage that we have. That's the main reason behind it. We'll also have a public hearing later on tonight about Prospect Street becoming -- part of it becomes one way and we'll talk about it when the time comes.

The reservoir's level, the water level is at 77 percent right now. It's compared to previous few years. This is very, very low. Last month we only had like a fraction of an inch, which is the worst, the driest month on record for October. So we're not in good shape.

We're not in desperate shape either. So starting right now, to advise the public to conserve. It's not a mandate, it's not anything, just advisory to try to conserve as much as you can, use as much -- as little water as you need to in order to see when hopefully this dry weather will break.

But as you know and I reported to you before, we've been preparing for this. We've been setting up our pumps, our transfer pumps, our emergency supply sources, and they are ready to go. The only thing we're still working on it to do some dredging and so on.

The only thing is, so you guys will understand is our system needs larger pipe to carry the water at different reservoirs to our main reservoir at a faster, much larger capacity than what we have right now. So meaning when it rains, with the change in the weather patterns, when it rains, we want to be able to capture that water as soon as possible, send it downstream to our storage reservoirs, all three of them, the large ones.

And the only way to do that is with the next couple of weeks, I'll be coming before

you for raw water line replacement and increasing the size of it. And we already have like $5.5 million dollars from state revolving fund from New York State. That's mostly a loan.

And then we do have some money from Congressman Ryan. He worked very hard for us and he gave us some money for that. And we're going over the numbers to see what we have and how large of a project do we have because we have miles of pipe outside the city to connect our reservoirs together.

So the point is, what I'm going to leave you with is understand our safe yield analysis. It's a function of how fast we can get the water from point A to point B while maintaining a minimum release because we have to maintain the survival of the aquatic life in the streams. So we cannot take every drop of it. We have to allow a certain amount. And that's all spelled out by our permit from the state, from the DEC. So that's one function.

The other function is to increase our storage. So two functions. One is the size of the pipes conveying the volume of raw water into our reservoirs to keep them filled up whenever we

have rain events. The second one is to increase our storage. And for that, that's what the mayor, myself and the county exec are working on, which is the Indigo Reservoir. Hopefully we can build a reservoir this way, increasing our storage, which is what we desperately need.

So two things are hurting us. Our ability to convey water from point A to point B so that when it rains, we capture everything and build up our storage. That's number one. Number two is to increase our storage. In short, this is our safe yield in the City of Middletown. And this is the problem that we've been having forever. And now we're in a position hopefully to move forward. We have a lot of funding coming, you know, from within and from our federal representatives. So hopefully that will help out. And that's not going to be enough.

But that will be phase one of the project. I'll update you -- the mayor and I will update you on that as the situation goes. But again, it's only fraction of an inch, 0.02 -- 0.021 -- I'm sorry, 0.21 of an inch. That's all we got in October, the driest October in many, many years since we've been keeping records here.

Leaves pickup started in the Fourth Ward. Then it's going to go to the First Ward after we're done with the fourth, then second, then Third Ward.

Again, please be conscientious where you put the leaves in there because sometimes there are some kids playing within the leaf pile and so on and so forth. It could become dangerous. So keep it as close as you can to the sidewalk, to the curb and if you can store it on your property, leave it on your own property until we have -- until we catch up. By all means, please do that. You don't have to -- just the whole city puts it all at once. I left mine on my property until it was time, you know, I just put it out on, you know, yesterday. So I could have waited a little bit longer myself. I could have taken my own advice, but I did not.

Traffic operation. This is important. So everybody knows we're milling and paving the last roads that are remaining on the traffic operation. And they are focusing on Wickham Avenue, they are focusing on Eldred and Wesner Avenue and (indiscernible), all these intersections and the main road. We're expecting

right now to finish the paving in the city, milling and paving entirely for the traffic operations, not this Friday, the following Friday, weather permitting.

Unfortunately, there's no rain in sight. Every time they see there's rain, nothing happens. We get the drizzle and that's it, that's all rain. So, you know, hopefully they're wrong and it's going to rain and pour. But the contractor will be upset and he will not be able to finish the job.

Before you tonight, also we're requesting an award for the courthouse, federal courthouse to be converted into city court, two city courts. And the funding, $3 million is going to be coming from the city money and $3 million the mayor arranged through Congress -- through Senator Skoufis, and Senator Skoufis has been very helpful for us in many things.

And I'm not embarrassed to mention that because he's been very helpful and without his money -- without his support and Aileen Gunther, the assemblywoman, we would not have had this money to do this important project which is we are mandated to do as the mayor has been advising

and reporting to you over the many, many years. With that I will conclude. If you have any questions for me.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Questions? Alderman Johnson?

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: I had one question with respect to the phase one of the project. Will any of that take place? Did residential areas per se.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: You're talking about which one? Phase one, raw water?

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: The water, yes.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: No, that's all up in woods.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Okay. I just wanted to be sure. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: Yeah, yeah. Yeah. Well, there is another project that's going to take place within the residential neighborhood which is 24 inch water main is going to be replaced potentially with a 36-inch water main. But that is finished water. It will Start from the water treatment plant. It will follow like the project we just

finished, down Mohegan Avenue towards Oliver Avenue.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Well --

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: I'm sorry?

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: I knew you were going to say that.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: Yeah, yeah, that one is more -- that's happening now. We're waiting for a proposal from the engineering firm who's going to be designing it for us. We did an RFQ and we -- and so on and so forth that's funded by the EPA through Congressman Ryan as well.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Understood. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: Yeah.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Alderman Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Thank you, Commissioner, for the comprehensive report. Regarding the traffic. Can you share best you can, when the -- I know it's a continuing project, but like when, like the new stuff will

stop happening? Will they call it at some point for the winter? Is it in your mind? Can you share that at some point?

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: Yeah, absolutely. Like I just said, you know, as far I know, you're talking about the entire project. The entire project will continue weather permitting, meaning it's not going to be paving, obviously, because we're hoping to complete all the paving a week from this Friday.

So, you know, curves and sidewalks, they'll be done hopefully also this year, except for some, like by Academy and across from the Central Firehouse, East Maine and Academy and all that stuff and there all the stuff that we've been holding back because of requiring agreements and easements.

But you will see traffic lights, traffic, you'll see the traffic lights, the post and the mast, they are in back order yet. Everything in this country, for whatever reason, is delayed for a million years. If you order something, it's going to take a long, long time for you to take delivery. And that's manufactured here in this country. But it's

still very, very long lead time. So you will see that going on through the winter. If not, if we get a harsh winter, then it's going to, it's going to resume early spring.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Okay. Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Alderman Kleiner?

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: Thank you. Commissioner, I know I asked you in an email, but are we making sure that no construction is blocking any of the polling places that we have for tomorrow? Because I know that was an issue.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: Yeah, we're paving. We're paving along Wickham Avenue and in that area. And I don't believe there's any polling places.

MAN 1: St. Joseph.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: St. Joseph. Yeah, we'll make sure they're not. They're not interrupted. There is always two way. There is always one lane, two-way traffic. So it's going to be flagman. You're never not going to be able to get someplace except for the minor roads like Elders and all that stuff. You might be, you might be

prevented for a couple of hours. And we'll coordinate that with the residents on that street until the asphalt is cured long enough and then they can drive over it. So it's going to be a few hours.

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: Okay. As long as they're aware it's Election Day and --

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: Yes, yes.

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: And the other thing is yard waste. I know we put the notice back up that yard waste begins April 1, 2024. But when you get to the end of it, it says the last day for picking up yard waste is November 8th. So it would have to have been out last Sunday. So there's no more yard waste pick up until next April. Is that correct? But people can still take their yard waste to the recycling centers.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: Oh yeah, you're talking about the yard waste, the leaves.

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: Yard waste. Yes.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB

TAWIL: Yes, yes, that's accurate. Yeah. Yeah. We'll maintain our recycle center open and they can take it. Yeah. But we cannot -- we cannot have yard waste in the middle of, you know, in the winter and storms and freezing weather and all that stuff. We will have a mess.

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: Right. Okay. As long as people are aware of that.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: Yes, they will be able to deliver their yard waste to our yard, to our recycle yard. And talking about, you know, the water department, they've been very busy obviously, as you guys know, because you all get the text messages and water main breaks. Tomorrow night we're going to have a valve replacement in here. James and Orchard. It's an important valve. We found out that it's broken when we were preparing the -- when we were repairing the water main break just down the road in front of the Avon Building. So that's going to start after 10:00 at night.

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: Okay. Any reason we've had a lot of water main breaks lately? Is there any reason other than just old pipes?

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: I think it's mostly to be honest with you, old pipes. We had a 12-inch finished water main that's a major water main that comes from the water treatment plant. The high pressure. I'll show you pictures. I'm going to send you emails. A whole section of it blew out. It's old. It's old. This is the oldest pipe that we have. 1878. That's a 12-inch water main that runs along Lake Avenue as well, all the way to Lake Avenue, connects to Wickham Avenue.

So in here we were just looking for water main breaks, water main leaks in there because we are in a drought and the weather is dry. So it's good time for us to go inside culverts, open up manholes to see where water is running and if it's chlorinated with the fluoride or not fluoride and so on and so forth. That's how we found the break across from the Avon Building. Nothing came above ground because it was very close to a catch basin. All the water was going underground. So we're being proactive because of the time we're in, dry weather and this is the time to catch all these things.

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: Okay.

Thank you.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: You're very welcome.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Jacob.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: I had a question.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Oh, Jacob. Alderman Tobin?

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Following on Alderman Kleiner was talking about -- maybe Mr. Green can tell me. The central firehouse was -- it looked like it was being sealed, the driveway, and it was closed off. Is that going to be finished by tomorrow?

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: Sealed driveway?

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: The central -- the parking lot was closed.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: The parking lot across the street from the central firehouse, the one that the volunteers and --

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: That's not us. That's Bill's Flavor.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Oh, okay. Is

that going to be open?

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: Yeah, that's not us. It's Bill's Flavor.

MAN 2: It's not a city's parking lot.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: Yeah. It's not --

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Oh, because that's where I vote. If it's -- that's where you park to go vote.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: Yeah. Well, we'll check on it. We'll check on it tomorrow morning. But I didn't know anything about it. They don't need -- you do not need a permission from us. And Bill's Flavor, they give us this as a courtesy, to be honest with you. They don't charge the city any penny.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Maybe it needs a sign where they can park. Like park on the different street.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: Yeah, we'll check on it. It was -- if it was sealed probably --

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: It was paved last week and it's lined and everything. So it's ready to go.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: It should be ready then. It should be ready for tomorrow. Otherwise we'll check on it. I'll send somebody to check on it.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: Yeah, thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Police chief?

POLICE CHIEF JOHN EWANCIW: Good evening. Just want to bring to the attention of not only the council but members of the public, this past year, 2024 we were the recipient of a (indiscernible) funding program through Senator Skoufis' office. Part of that funding is to -- well, the focus of the funding is to combat gun violence in a community. So it was part of our program when we worked with our partners and built out an agenda. We decided to partner with the school district.

So we've worked with the school district to identify three confident vetted programs that we feel would be instrumental in getting into the school district from the middle school into the high school to help our young

youth in our community understand the consequences associated with gun violence. So with that being said, on November 13th will be our first assembly and presentation. It's going to be breaking the cycle. And that first assembly is actually open to the parents of the community.

So it'll be 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Middletown High School. And again that's open to the parents of the community, of the school community to allow them to see what is going to be presented to their young students so that they could have a little bit more sense of understanding and hopefully resolve and get their questions answered if they have some. Other than that, I have nothing unless you have questions for me.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Any questions for the police chief? Thank you, Chief.

POLICE CHIEF JOHN EWANCIW: Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Superintendent of recreation.

SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION RAYLYNN BERTHOLF: Good evening, everyone. Just to

update on the current programs that we were running, that we are running right now. We did have a lot of requests for some more adult programming. So for adults we have a get fit with Coach Darlin. We have adult volleyball. Adults are able to register for our boxing program. We have pickleball clinics, pickleball open play, crochet classes and also adult crafting on wood boards where you paint the designs.

Some of our free youth programming we have going on right now is music for the littles, cooking class, story time with Ms. Sharon, computer programming classing -- programming classes with 4-H from Cornell Cooperative Extension, teen open gym and youth open gym.

Our paid programming for the youth, we have art classes, craft classes, basketball, winter break program which we were reformatting this year to a daily rate instead of paying for the full week. We noticed some parents may only need certain days being we do have a longer winter break this year with holidays mixed in there where offices are closed. So we're doing daily rates to hopefully increase the numbers and

accommodate the working families. Boxing and martial arts.

Radio City bus trip is December 1st. It's a $125 per person. We are starting to fill up. We are doing two buses this year and tickets are selling fast. So if you are interested and you've been waiting, I wouldn't wait for too long because you might get closed out.

And ice skating is coming up, weather pending. We are due to get the ice rink set up November 15th. Don't know if it's going to be open. We're looking to open on the night of the tree lighting. But if weather continues, it's definitely going to get pushed out. God bless you. So ice skating this year is definitely going to be weather pending. Check back on our Facebook page where we're going to constantly update our Friday night, Saturday days and night and Sunday day ice skating times. All weather pending. So check back for that.

And just some thank yous, to the Orange County Police Academy recruits, City of Middletown departments for handing out candy to our kids from the little wreckers and story time program on Halloween. To Art and Rick from the

dog park, they had a great Halloween party this past weekend where all the dogs were in costume at the dog park. That was another successful event that we had there. And thank you to all the organizations, businesses and community partners who set up trunk or treat at our pumpkin party in the park. Any questions?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Any questions? Alderman Johnson?

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Two questions. What's our minimum temperature to make ice?

SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION RAELYNN BERTHOLF: It's supposed to be 50, but that also you have to factor in the direct sunlight that's beating on the ice during the day. So this past winter we've noticed that when we've had beautiful, a winter day where the sun is shining during the day that it does create some puddling. But soon as the sun goes down, within an hour or two, depending on the temperatures for the day, it will refreeze for night skating. So it's very weather pending and how much direct sunlight the rink is getting.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: And your program in collaboration with the Cornell, is

that in their space or our space?

SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION RAELYNN BERTHOLF: Our space.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Thanks.

SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION RAELYNN BERTHOLF: You're welcome.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Anyone else? All right, thank you.

SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION RAELYNN BERTHOLF: You're welcome.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: City Clerk.

CITY CLERK: Nothing this evening.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Any questions for the city clerk? All right. Public hearings and grievances.

CITY CLERK: Good evening. We have a public hearing this evening. Notice is hereby given that the City of Middletown will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 4, 2024 on or as near to 7:30 as possible in the Common Council Chambers, 2nd Floor at 16 James Street, to hear any and all persons wishing to be heard on a proposal to make Prospect Street a one-way street heading west from North Street to Beacon Street.

The rest of Prospect Street remains the same. Any and all persons wishing to be heard will be given an opportunity to speak either for or against the proposed change. Any person unable to participate at the time of the public hearing can email comments to rmccormick@middletownny.gov. By order of the Common Council, Richard McCormick, Clerk of the City Council.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Okay. At this time the public hearing is open. Jacob, just a quick question. So you want -- it's Prospect Street heading all the way to North Beacon?

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: To Beacon. Beacon. Yes, to Beacon Street which will pass through Linden Avenue and the next block over will be Beacon Street. That's going to be one way from North heading up towards Highland.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: And then from Beacon to Highland is to remain --

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: It will remain two-way. So you can come in from Highland, you can turn on Beacon,

wherever you want to go, if you so choose. The intersection we are interested in is the North and north end of Prospect Street. Unfortunately, no matter, we have stop signs and we have everything.

People just don't appreciate the stop sign. And many times they just go through the stop sign like they do, unfortunately, some other places, and they end up having accidents in there because they just don't obey the stop sign.

Part of the traffic operation project in here, the huge project we were doing, we've been doing for $31 million, is during the design, the mayor and I met with the engineers, the consultants, and said, what's the best way we can make this place a little bit better so that people who are disobeying the stop sign and there is no police around to give them ticket and points, they can be -- you know, to avoid this automatically.

And the only way we thought of doing is to go one way going up the hill and not to allow people to come rolling down the hill from Prospect Street into North Street. That was the recommendation of our consultants as well. It

was in the report that was submitted to DOT.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Any questions?

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: Again, the picture for anybody who's using the plan is right there on our screens. It should be on TV at home or computer monitor if you're watching it on the Internet. I have copies in here for the council if anybody wants it.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: And we're doing the work or you're having somebody else do the work?

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: That's part of the traffic operation operations. Boyce is doing it. Yeah.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: So will they do it by the end of this year or --

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: No, honestly, the signs are in place right now, but they are covered. You don't see them.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Okay.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: Until you pass the resolution to make it

one-way, that's when we start enforcing it and that's when we start taking the signs off and show new pattern and we'll put our warning signs and so on.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: And you worked along with the police department with this?

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: I don't know if the police department was concerned consultant on this, to be honest with you. Usually I consult with the chief and everything, but I don't remember if I -- this is many, many years in the making when the design was done.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Alderman Kleiner, you have a question?

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: Yeah, I didn't know where this came from. I know some people up further in Prospect Street have expressed concern. I mean, they're not here for the public hearing tonight and maybe they didn't know about it. But I know in the past people have asked about making North Street a stop sign, of making that a four-way stop. And people have said no, it's too close to the traffic light.

And you know, it is a highway through there. But I just don't know. Is there any place else in the city where we've done this is? Can we think of any example where we've made part of a through street a one-way?

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: We've done that by the Salvation Army. If you remember, that was a high traffic, high accident location by the Salvation Army. It used to be (indiscernible) Ford in there. Now you're not allowed to. It's one-way street right now. So -- I'm sorry. Robertson Drive. Thank you. Robertson Drive. And they're between the, between the diner and, and the Salvation Army.

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: Oh, I see. Yeah, off of 211.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: We've done that and that was extremely helpful because at that time you allow somebody to come out of that road in there and jump through five lanes and to make a left-hand turn to go up 211, or three or four lanes. I don't remember the details, but that was passed and I believe it's a lifesaver for minimizing accidents.

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: Okay. Can I ask the chief if we've had many accidents there, if he knows if this has been an issue?

POLICE CHIEF JOHN EWANCIW: At the intersection of Prospect and North?

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: Yes.

POLICE CHIEF JOHN EWANCIW: So I don't have all statistics. I wasn't prepared for that. However, I do know there was a very serious accident there this year. And we had a motorcyclist that was paralyzed as a result of getting hit by a car that didn't stop at that stop sign. So just as recent as this past summer, we've had a very severe serious accident there.

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: Okay.

POLICE CHIEF JOHN EWANCIW: But I could get you statistics if you want for a certain amount of time.

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: Yeah, I'd like to see how much of an issue it's been for the people who are concerned about making the middle of the street, you know, one way in one direction.

POLICE CHIEF JOHN EWANCIW: What type

of timeframe are you looking for?

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: What's that?

POLICE CHIEF JOHN EWANCIW: Timeframe.

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: I don't know. Public hearing is open for how long for comments.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: We can keep it on for the next meeting.

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: Okay. Some, some -- I guess by the next meeting.

POLICE CHIEF JOHN EWANCIW: No, I'm asking how long back do you want me to go?

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: Oh, maybe two years.

POLICE CHIEF JOHN EWANCIW: Two years. Okay, I will email them. I'll get them to you in the next day or so.

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: Okay. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: That accident that the chief just spoke of, we're involved in a $20 million lawsuit because of it. You know, just -- it is what it is. But we had our own employees get hit that at

that location because of people disobeying the stop sign. And so it's just an ongoing concern, and the chief will give you all the results.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Anyone else? Alderman Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Yeah. So to me, I don't really know if this is a question more than a statement, but it seems to me like coming up that off of Wickham and making that right where the Smith Street is, the sharp right, that's like sort of wonky.

And then when you come up to by North, the fence on the corner of that property seems to cause more obstruction than anything else. So if we were to go -- was there any consideration to make -- if it's going to be one way, all the way to the end, coming down? Because then the only way you can get down to North Street or that area is either by Wisner or Cortland, I guess it would be. That's like a long way to not be able to get all the way down.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: You have Linden Avenue, you have Wickham, you have streets in between. So we're just trying --

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: You can't get

down them. You can't get down because you can't get Wisner. I know, I understand what you're saying is -- but if you're on Highland, like, if you don't go down Wisner, you can't go down --

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: You come down Prospect from Highland, and you could still go down Beacon or Linden Place and still go wrap around.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: But what's the -- what's the up part?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: It's preventing people coming down to North Street because they're not stopping --

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Not stopping at where that store was on the corner or whatever it was.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Cars are speeding both ways, or not speeding, but driving, and then people are trying to cross over.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Okay. I just -- that just is -- I've got to wrap my head around it. I'm not going to stop it. I'm just saying because I, you know, grew up around that area, and it just seemed like coming down that hill and

then Smith Street was sort of a challenge there too. All right. Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Anyone else? Alderman Green.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Thank you. I did actually have spoken with a resident of that immediate area, and that was pre-public hearings when they asked me when it was. And she did say to me that, you know, she understood it would be a little bit of a learning curve and an inconvenience, but she did understand the need given that recent accident and things she had seen. But there was concern with the fact that the signs were already there, that she kind of felt like it was not a public hearing. It was kind of a done deal already. So I just -- so basically they're covered though, as you said, Commissioner, correct? The one-way --

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: Correct.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Okay. So if it didn't go through, it would be taken down per se. Okay. So it's not a done deal. I just wanted to put that, you know, publicly that, that the signs are there, but they're only there out of

anticipation that this would be done, not that it is a done deal by any means. So --

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS JACOB TAWIL: (Indiscernible)

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Yeah, absolutely. Yeah, that's it. Thank you so much.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Do I have a motion to close? Do we want to keep it open? You want to keep it open for two weeks? All right. So we'll move on. The public hearing will stay open for another two weeks. All right. Remarks of aldermen. Alderman Tobin.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Well, I mean, I appreciate everybody staying to the end. I mean, you might not agree with what we're thinking, but one of my pet peeves is when people talk a lot of meeting and leave early. So I do appreciate that. And I was on my phone telling my wife that, you know, not to wait to eat dinner since we're going an hour over. But nothing this evening.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Alderman Jean-Francois.

ALDERMAN JUDE A. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Just like to encourage everyone to go out and vote

tomorrow. It is very important. Our democracy is at stake. Please, please, please vote, vote, vote. Thank you,

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Alderman Johnson.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Thank you. I think we've clarified the status of the good cause issue and I appreciate that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Alderman Kleiner.

ALDERMAN KLEINER: The warming station is going to open on November 24th and there are two more training dates before then, 7:00 at Mulberry House. If you're willing to volunteer for a two-hour shift or an overnight shift. One was today, but that's gone already. But on Tuesday the 12th and on Wednesday the 20th, at the warming station at Mulberry House, it'll be like about a one-hour training session.

Our constituents meeting will be a week from today. It'll be on Veterans Day evening. So right here. We have a drought. Save water. The commissioner has, I think, outlined that pretty well. I want to thank our election workers. As you know, election workers are under

a lot of stress this year and I just want to thank anyone who's taking part in that. One good thing after tomorrow is the damn TV ads will stop. The constant, constant political ads. That's Citizens United. We can thank court decision for that and billionaires controlling our elections.

So the disinformation has been incredible. I hope we will stop at some point demonizing immigrants and all immigrants. I'd like to demonize Elon Musk and Rupert Murdoch, but it's, you know -- that's another problem with money. The bad news is that the stock market is up 23 percent this year. I remember Donald Trump saying, if you elect Biden, there'll be a crash worse than 1929.

Well, there have been 47 new all-time highs for the stock market this year. Inflation is 2.4 percent. As you know, gas prices now are below $3. Unemployment's at 50-year lows. The interest rates were cut a half percent. Our economy is the best in the world, bringing others up with it. The wealth at the bottom half of the people has doubled. There's just so much economic bad news that people are concerned

about. I just -- I don't get it. I think that's pretty much it.

If you don't understand the role of women, I would repeat what our Middletown -- when we put in those water lines, if there was any dispute over the water lines, they were allowed into court. And if it, except for infants, the insane, idiots and married women would all have somebody else represent them. So yes, it happened here. It's not -- it's a national issue, but it is a local issue. So that's it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Alderman Green?

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Thank you. Yes, I hope to see everyone on Monday at our constituents meeting and absolutely, please get out and vote. And if you've got to wait in line, it doesn't look like it's going to be such a bad day to have to do so, so please get out there. Polls open at 6:00. So I know a few people who are already going to be waiting there in the morning. See you then.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Alderman Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Thank you very much. I would just like to invite this council, our community, we are on December 3rd having a Recreation and Parks Committee meeting at 7 o'clock where Superintendent Bertholf is going to review everything that our recreation program has done in the last year.

Council President Rodriguez was a big supporter of this idea last year and we just firmed it up today. So I know Raelynn did felt like half of it already today with all the offerings that she talked about that we continue as a city to make economically friendly for our residents. And I think it was very well received last year. It was probably about 20 minutes or so, but she and her team did a terrific job. So it'll be also televised December 3rd at 7 p.m. Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Thank you. New business.

CITY CLERK: Good evening. We have a resolution sponsored by Alderman Johnson authorizing an $11,640 budget transfer from the general fund towards the cost of painting at the city courthouse.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Johnson, second by Alderman Green. Any discussion? Roll.

CITY CLERK: Tobin.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Jean-Francois.

ALDERMAN JUDE A. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Johnson.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Kleiner.

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Green.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK: President Rodriguez.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Carries. Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois. Authorizing a $15,000 budget transfer within the DPW 2024 budget to cover the cost of materials for the remainder of the year.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois, seconded by Alderman Johnson. Any discussion?

Roll.

CITY CLERK: Tobin.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Jean-Francois.

ALDERMAN JUDE A. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Johnson.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Kleiner.

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Green.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK: President Rodriguez.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Carries. Resolution sponsored by Alderman Tobin authorizing the acceptance of a $750,000 grant from the office of Alien Gunther, administered through the New York State DASNY towards various city projects.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGEZ: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Tobin, seconded by Alderman Jean-Francois. Any discussion? Alderman Johnson?

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Yeah, I just

want to join the administration. You know, we had our celebration last Thursday, I guess, at the Erie. The contributions that Ms. Gunther has made to the city are immeasurable. Nobody is not replaceable. But I think we should stand in good record that we really appreciate all she's done for the city. Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Mayor, can we invite her to a council meeting? Maybe? Definite.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: All right. Anyone else? Roll.

CITY CLERK: Tobin.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Jean-Francois.

ALDERMAN JUDE A. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Johnson.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Kleiner.

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Green.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK: President Rodriguez.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Carries. Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois authorizing a transfer of $16,000 to cover the cost of the Street Department overtime.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois, seconded by Alderman Johnson. Any discussion? Roll.

CITY CLERK: Tobin.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Jean-Francois.

ALDERMAN JUDE A. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Johnson.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Kleiner.

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Green.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK: President Rodriguez.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Carries. Resolution

sponsored by Alderman Kleiner authorizing a $10,000 transfer for the DPW administration overtime.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Kleiner, seconded by Alderman Green. Any discussion? Roll.

CITY CLERK: Tobin.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Jean-Francois.

ALDERMAN JUDE A. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Johnson.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Kleiner.

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Green.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK: President Rodriguez.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Carries. Resolution sponsored by Alderman Witt authorizing the acceptance of a $200 donation from Robin and Fran Wittman in memory of Richard Wolslayer.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Witt, seconded by Alderman Tobin. Any discussion? Roll.

CITY CLERK: Tobin.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Jean-Francois.

ALDERMAN JUDE A. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Johnson.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Kleiner.

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Green.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK: President Rodriguez.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Carries. Resolution sponsored by Alderman Tobin authorizing the transfer of funds within the Police Department budget.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Tobin, seconded by Alderman Kleiner. Any discussion? Roll.

CITY CLERK: Tobin.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Jean-Francois.

ALDERMAN JUDE A. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Johnson.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Kleiner.

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Green.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK: President Rodriguez.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Carries. Resolution sponsored by Alderman Witt authorizing the transfer of $11,110.09 within the Recreation Department budget to cover overdrafts.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Witt, seconded by Alderman Jean-Francois. Any discussion? Roll.

CITY CLERK: Tobin.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Jean-Francois.

ALDERMAN JUDE A. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Johnson.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Kleiner.

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Green.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK: President Rodriguez.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Carries. Resolution sponsored by Alderman Green authorizing the acceptance of a $600 donation from the Middletown Kiwanis.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Green, seconded by Alderman Tobin. Any discussion? Roll.

CITY CLERK: Tobin.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Jean-Francois.

ALDERMAN JUDE A. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Johnson.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Kleiner.

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Green.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK: President Rodriguez.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Carries. Resolution sponsored by Alderman Green authorizing the approval of a Cherry Road security gap assembly assessment proposal.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Green, second by Alderman Kleiner. Any discussion? Roll.

CITY CLERK: Tobin.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Jean-Francois.

ALDERMAN JUDE A. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Johnson.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Kleiner.

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Green.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK: President Rodriguez.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Carries. Resolution sponsored by Alderman Johnson authorizing the transfer within the 2024 city budget to cover overdrafts and costs for the remainder of 2024.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Tobin. Any discussion? Roll.

CITY CLERK: Tobin.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Jean-Francois.

ALDERMAN JUDE A. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Johnson.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Kleiner.

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Green.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK: President Rodriguez.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Carries. Resolution

sponsored by Alderman Kleiner authorizing the transfer of $10,770.54 within the senior center budget.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Kleiner, seconded by Alderman Jean-Francois. Any discussion? Roll.

CITY CLERK: Tobin.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Jean-Francois.

ALDERMAN JUDE A. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Johnson.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Kleiner.

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Green.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK: President Rodriguez.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Carries. Resolution sponsored by Alderman Green requesting that the County of Orange to exempt certain properties of the City of Middletown from certain county real

estate taxes.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Green, Second by Alderman Kleiner. Any discussion? Roll.

CITY CLERK: Tobin.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Jean-Francois.

ALDERMAN JUDE A. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Johnson.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Kleiner.

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Green.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Masi? I'm sorry. President Rodriguez.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

CITY CLERK: He didn't drop.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: He's watching. Okay.

CITY CLERK: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois authorizing a transfer of $8,000 within the Economic and Community

Development Department for architectural services for round two of DRI facade improvement programs.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois, seconded by Alderman Green. Any discussion? Roll.

CITY CLERK: Tobin.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Jean-Francois.

ALDERMAN JUDE A. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Johnson.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Kleiner.

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Green.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK: President Rodriguez.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Carries. Resolution sponsored by Alderman Witt authorized an agreement with Young Explosives for the fireworks exhibition at Davidge Park on July 2, 2025.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ:

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Witt, seconded by Alderman Johnson. Any discussion? Roll.

CITY CLERK: Tobin.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Jean-Francois.

ALDERMAN JUDE A. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Johnson.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Kleiner.

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Green.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK: President Rodriguez.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Carries. Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois authorizing a renewal agreement with Marshall & Sterling Insurance.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois, seconded by Alderman Tobin. Any discussion? Roll.

CITY CLERK: Tobin.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Jean-Francois.

ALDERMAN JUDE A. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Johnson.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Kleiner.

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Green.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK: President Rodriguez.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Carries. Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois authorizing a proposal from CDM Smith for air facility permit renewal at the wastewater treatment plant.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois, seconded by Alderman Kleiner. Any discussion? Roll.

CITY CLERK: Tobin.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Jean-Francois.

ALDERMAN JUDE A. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Johnson.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Kleiner.

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Green.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK: President Rodriguez.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Carries. Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois authorizing the awarding of bids for the renovation of the courthouse.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois, seconded by Alderman Green. Any discussion? Roll.

CITY CLERK: Tobin.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Jean-Francois.

ALDERMAN JUDE A. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Johnson.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Kleiner.

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Green.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK: President Rodriguez.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Carries. That concludes new business.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Audit.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Mr. President. I move the accounts be audited, the claims be adjusted, and the city treasurer be authorized to issue warrants for their payment.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Green. Any discussion? Roll.

CITY CLERK: Tobin.

ALDERMAN SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Jean-Francois.

ALDERMAN JUDE A. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Johnson.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Kleiner.

ALDERMAN GERALD P. KLEINER: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Green.

ALDERMAN ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Witt.

ALDERMAN KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK: President Rodriguez.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Carries.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ: Move for adjournment.

ALDERMAN PAUL JOHNSON: So move.

(Proceedings concluded)

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, Sonya Ledanski Hyde, certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

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Veritext Legal Solutions

330 Old Country Road

Suite 300

Mineola, NY 11501

Date: November 19, 2024

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
NOVEMBER 4, 2024

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   - 3.1. Accept the Minutes of October 1, 2024
4. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATION AND REPORTS
   - 4.1. Municipal Shelter Inspection Report (09/27/2024)
5. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CITY
6. REMARKS OF THE MAYOR
7. REMARKS OF THE DEPARTMENT HEADS
8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND GRIEVANCES
   - 8.1. Public Hearing: Making Prospect Street heading west from North Street to Beacon Street One Way
9. PETITIONS AND COMPLAINTS
10. REMARKS OF THE ALDERMAN AND REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES
11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
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221-24 Authorization to transfer $10,000 for DPW Administration Overtime

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14. AUDIT OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

14.1. Resolution Authorizing the Accounts be Audited, Claims Adjusted, and the Treasurer be Authorized to Issue Warrants for their Payment

15. ADJOURNMENT

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Green
Seconded by: Alderman Witt
Date of Adoption: November 4, 2024
Index No:

I hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of a Resolution and/or Local Law adopted by the City of Middletown Common Council.

Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray				X
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi				X
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	7			2

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

Accept the Minutes of October 1, 2024

Accept the Minutes of October 1, 2024

Prepared by:
Rick McCormack, City Clerk

Attachments:

1.	10.01.24 CC Minutes

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CITY CLERK
CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

October 1, 2024

Joseph DeStefano
City Mayor - City of Middletown
16 James St
Middletown, NY 10940

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OCT 04 2024
MAYOR'S OFFICE

Enclosed is the **Municipal Shelter Inspection Report** completed on **09/27/2024**. This inspection relates to Agriculture and Markets Laws and Regulations which may be viewed on the website below.

As the report indicates, dog shelter services were rated "Satisfactory". Please make note of any comments listed on the report.

Municipal dog shelters are subject to inspection by this agency on a regular basis.

Please notify this office within 30 days of any changes in municipal shelter services.

If you have any questions regarding this inspection, please call me.

Sarah Ghawi
Animal Health Inspector

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS
DIVISION OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY
10B AIRLINE DRIVE, ALBANY, NY 12235

MUNICIPAL SHELTER INSPECTION REPORT - DL-90

Rating: **Satisfactory365** Purpose: **Inspection**

DATE/TOA: **9/27/24 11:30 am**

HUMANE SOCIETY OF PORT JERVIS-DEER PK INC
202 RTE 209
PORT JERVIS NY 12771

Inspector: **Sarah Ghawi** Inspector #: **078**

These are the findings of an inspection of your facility on the date(s) indicated above:

1. Shelter is structurally sound	Yes
2. Housing area and equipment is sanitized regularly	Yes
3. Repairs are done when necessary	Yes
4. Dogs are handled safely	Yes
5. Adequate space is available for all dogs	Yes
6. Light is sufficient for observation	Yes
7. Ventilation is adequate	Yes
8. Drainage is adequate	Yes
9. Temperature extremes are avoided	Yes
10. Clean food and water is available and in ample amount	Yes
11. Veterinary care is provided when necessary	Yes
12. Dogs are euthanized humanely, by authorized personnel	Yes
13. Complete intake and disposition records are maintained for all seized dogs	Yes
14. Dogs transferred for purposes of adoption in compliance with Article 7	Yes
15. Redemption period is observed before adoption, euthanasia or transfer	Yes
16. Owners of identified dogs are properly notified	Yes
17. Redeemed dogs are licensed before release	Yes
18. Proper impoundment fees paid before dogs are released	Yes
19. Written contract or lease with municipality	Yes

Town - City - Village Information for Inspection:

TCV CODE	TCV NAME
3305	Town of Deerpark
3307	Town of Greenville
4808	Town of Highland
4810	Town of Lumberland
4811	Town of Mamakating
3310	Town of Minisink
3313	Town of Mount Hope
3317	Town of Wallkill
3319	Town of Wawayanda
3321	City of Middletown
3323	City of Port Jervis

REMARKS:

REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT FOR INSPECTION: **Kylee Borrero**
TITLE: **Shelter Director**

REVIEWED BY: **Joyce Amels**
REVIEWED DATE: **09/30/2024**

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Johnson
Seconded by: Alderman Green
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Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray				X
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi				X
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	7			2

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date

Public Hearing: Making Prospect Street heading west from North Street to Beacon Street One Way

Prepared by:

Attachments:

1.	Notice of Public Hearing Prospect Street One Way
2.	PH Affidavit

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City of Middletown will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 4, 2024, on or as near to 7:30 p.m. as possible, Common Council Chambers, 2nd floor, 16 James Street, to hear any and all persons wishing to be heard on a proposal to make Prospect Street Prospect Street a one way heading west from North Street to Beacon Street. The rest of Prospect Street remains the same. Any and all persons wishing to be heard will be given an opportunity to speak either for or against the proposed change.

For any person unable to participate at the time of the public hearing, email comments may be submitted in advance to rmccormack@middletownny.gov

By the order of the Common Council.

Richard P. McCormack
Clerk of the Common Council

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Richard P. McCormack
Clerk of the Common Council
Publish: 10/31/24
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CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Johnson
Seconded by: Alderman Green
Date of Adoption: November 4, 2024
Index No: 217-24

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray				X
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi				X
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	7			2

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Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date 11/6/24

Authorization to transfer $11,640 from the General Fund Balance Towards the Cost of Painting the City Court House

BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to transfer $11,640 in the following manner to cover the cost of painting the City Court.

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	$11,640	A.1620.470 REPAIRS TO BUILDING

Prepared by:

Attachments:

1.	Transfer of Funds 10-2524-court house painting

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Jean-Francois
Seconded by: Alderman Johnson
Date of Adoption: November 4, 2024
Index No: 218-24

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray				X
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi				X
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	7			2

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Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

11/6/24
Date

Authorization to Transfer $15,000 within the DPW 2024 Budget to Cover the Cost of Materials for the Remainder of the Year

BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to transfer $15,000 in the following manner to cover the cost of materials for the remainder of the year.

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
A.5142.450 SNOW AND ICE- MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	$15,000	A.1620.477 TRAFFIC PAINT& SIGNS

Prepared by:

Attachments:

1.	Transfer of Funds 10-25-24-paint and signs

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Tobin
Seconded by: Alderman Jean-Francois
Date of Adoption: November 4, 2024
Index No: 219-24

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Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

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Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray				X
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	x			
Ald. Masi				x
Pres. Rodrigues	x			
Total	7			2

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor — Date 11/6/24

Authorization to Accept a $750,000 grant from the Office of Aileen Gunther administered through NYS DASNY towards various City projects

BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and accepts a $750,000 grant award from the Office of New York State Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther administered through NYS DASNY and to authorize the Mayor as the sole signatory:

The grant will be used for the following projects:

Creation of a Splash Pad for Maple Hill Neighborhood Park, Installation of Security Cameras at the Recreation Center, City Hall, and Senior Center, also to be Installed on Various Downtown Streets, Renovation of Building on MPC Campus for Police Evidence Storage and Fire/Police Offices, and Installation of New LED Spotlights and a New Dolby IMS Server.

Prepared by:
Maria Bruni, Director of Economic and Community Development

Attachments:

1.	Various Projects Funding BOE 2024

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
Office of Economic & Community Development

October 22, 2024

City of Middletown
Board of Estimate
16 James Street
Middletown, New York 10940

RE: ***State and Municipalities ("SAM")***
Creation of a Splash Pad for a Maple Hill Neighborhood Park, Installation of Security Cameras at Recreation Center, City Hall, and Senior Center, also to be Installed on Various Downtown Streets, Renovation of Building on MPC Campus for Police Evidence Storage and Fire/Police Offices as well as Installation of New LED Spotlights and New Dolby IMS Server. Project ID: 27682

Dear Members,

The City of Middletown has been awarded $750,000 in SAM funding through Assemblywoman Gunther's Office for the above referenced projects.

We are seeking the approval and endorsement from the Common Council to identify Mayor DeStefano as the authorized representative and sole signatory, and to authorize the Treasurer to establish the capital lines.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Maria Bruni, Director
Economic & Community Development

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Jean-Francois
Seconded by: Alderman Johnson
Date of Adoption: November 4, 2024
Index No: 220-24

I hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of a Resolution and/or Local Law adopted by the City of Middletown Common Council.

Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Tobin	x			
Ald. Jean-Francois	x			
Ald. Johnson	x			
Ald. Wray				x
Ald. Kleiner	x			
Ald. Green				
Ald. Witt	x			
Ald. Masi				x
Pres. Rodrigues	x			
Total	7			2

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date 11/6/24

Authorization to transfer $16,000 funds to cover the cost of Street Department Overtime

BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to transfer $16,000 in the following manner to cover a recent overdraft and anticipated overtime for the remainder of the year.

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
A.8160.100 PERSONAL SERVICES - SANITATION DEPT	$16,000	A.5110.103 OVERTIME - STREET DEPT

Prepared by:
Jacob Tawil

Attachments:
None

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
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THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Kleiner
Seconded by: Alderman Green
Date of Adoption: November 4, 2024
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Ald. Jean-Francois	x			
Ald. Johnson	x			
Ald. Wray				x
Ald. Kleiner	x			
Ald. Green	x			
Ald. Witt	x			
Ald. Masi				x
Pres. Rodrigues	x			
Total	7			2

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date 11/6/24

Authorization to transfer $10,000 for DPW Administration Overtime

BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to transfer $10,000 in the following manner to cover anticipated overtime for the remainder of the year.

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
A.8160.100 PERSONAL SERVICES - SANITATION DEPT	$10,000	A.1490.103 OVERTIME - PUBLIC WORKS ADMIN

Prepared by:
Jacob Tawil

Attachments:

1.	BOE MEMO- DPW OT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 21, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor DeStefano, Council President Rodrigues, Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, Members of the Common Council

Cc: Leonora Liz, Treasurer and Richard McCormack, City Clerk

From: Jacob S. Tawil, P.E.- Commissioner of Public Works

Re: Transfer of Funds- Public Works Admin. Overtime Account

We are respectfully requesting a transfer of funds from the Sanitation Personal Service line, A.8160.100, into the Public Works Administration Overtime account, A.1490.103, to cover anticipated overtime for the remainder of the year.

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
A.8160.100 Pers. Svcs. – Sanitation Dept.	$10,000.00	A.1490.103 Overtime – Public Works Admin.

Thank you.

JT/kg

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
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THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Witt
Seconded by: Alderman Tobin
Date of Adoption: November 4, 2024
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Ald. Johnson	x			
Ald. Wray				x
Ald. Kleiner	x			
Ald. Green	x			
Ald. Witt	x			
Ald. Masi				x
Pres. Rodrigues	x			
Total	7			2

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor — Date 11/6/24

Authorization to accept a $200 donation from Robin and Fran Wittman in memory of Richard Wolslayer

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and accepts a $200.00 donation from Robin and Fran Wittman in Memory of Richard Wolslayer.

The Recreation Department requests to authorize the Treasurer to deposit this donation into account A.2705.50 Gifts and Donations and increase budget line A.7321.450 Special Programs Material and Supplies. These funds will be used towards the purchase of shoulder pads for youth football.

Prepared by:
Raelynn Bertholf, Supt of Recreation and Parks

Attachments:
None

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
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THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Tobin
Seconded by: Alderman Kleiner
Date of Adoption: November 4, 2024
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Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray				X
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi				X
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	7			2

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date 11/6/24

Authorization to transfer funds within the Police Department budget

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to transfer $11,500, in the following manner

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
A.3120.110	$15,700	A.3120.200
PART TIME OFFICERS		EQUIPMENT

For the purchase of an additional public camera to add to the rail trail, a set of scales for commercial vehicles enforcement, and needed range equipment.

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
A.3120.110	$4,000	A.3120.410
PART-TIME OFFICER		UNIFORM ALLOWANCE

For the purchase of uniforms and equipment for the Honor Guard detail

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
A.3120.100 Personal Services	$2,000	A.3120.200 Other Equipment

For the purchase of FARO Equipment

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
PART-TIME OFFICER	$2,500	A.3120.433 TRAINING EXPENSE
A.3120.110 PART-TIME OFFICER	$1,500	A.3120.406 CANINE CARE
A.3120.110 PART-TIME OFFICER	$2,300	A.3120.440 REPAIRS TO EQUIPMENT
A.3120.100 PERSONAL SERVICES	$7,700	A.3120.440 REPAIRS TO EQUIPMENT

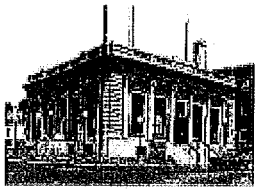
To cover shortages within the 2024 Budget

Prepared by:
John Ewanciw, Chief of Police

Attachments:

1.	10232024

JOHN EWANCIW
CHIEF OF POLICE



TELEPHONE
845-343-3151
FAX NUMBER
845-343-2660

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

2 JAMES STREET
MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK 10940
ESTABLISHED 1888

October 23, 2024

Honorable Joseph DeStefano
Mayor-City of Middletown and
Board of Estimate and Apportionment
16 James Street
Middletown, NY 10940

Dear Mayor DeStefano and Members of the Board of Estimate,

I am requesting that the City of Middletown Common Council approve the following transfers requests within our 2024 budget lines to cover the following costs:

From	Amount	To
A.3120.110 Part-time officers	$15,700	A.3120.200 Equipment

For the purchase of an additional public camera to add to the rail trail, a set of scales for commercial vehicles enforcement, and needed range equipment.

A.3120.110 Part-time officers	$4,000	A.3120.410 Uniform Allowance

For the purchase of uniform and equipment for Honor Guard detail

A.3120.110 Part-time officers	$2,500	A.3120.433 Training expenses
A.3120.110 Part-time officers	$1,500	A.3120.406 Canine Care
A.3120.110 Part-time officer	$2,300	A.3120.440 Repairs to Equipment
A.3120.100 Personal Services	$7,700	A.3120.440 Repairs to Equipment

John Ewanciw
Chief of Police

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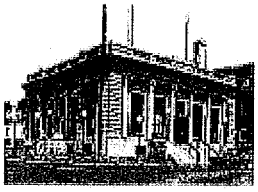
CHIEF OF POLICE



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CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Witt
Seconded by: Alderman Jean-Francois
Date of Adoption: November 4, 2024
Index No: 224-24

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Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

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Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray				X
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi				X
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	7			2

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date 11/6/24

Authorization to Transfer $11,110.09 within the Recreation Department to Budget to Cover Overdrafts.

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizes the Treasurer to transfer $11,110.09, in the following manner to cover overdraft accounts within the Department of Recreation

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
A.7200.100 Camp Personnel	A.7020.103 General Recretion Overtime	$5,000
A.7200.100 Camp Personnel	A.7020.210 General Recreation Office Equipment	$1.77
A.7200.100 Camp Personnel	A.7020.408 General Recreation Footware	$3,612.80
A.7200.100 Camp Personnel	A.7020.481 General Recreation	$240

	Telephone Expense	
A.7200.100 Camp Personnel	A.7180.103 Pools Overtime	$116.54
A.7200.100 Camp Personnel	A.7200.103 Camp Overtime	$1,883.98
A.7200.100 Camp Personnel	A.7321.103 Special Programs Overtime	$255

Prepared by:
Raelynn Bertholf, Supt of Recreation and Parks

Attachments:
None

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
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THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Green
Seconded by: Alderman Tobin
Date of Adoption: November 4, 2024
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Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray				X
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi				X
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	7			2

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date 11/6/24

Authorization to accept a $600 Donation from Middletown Kiwanis

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and accepts a $600.00 donation from Middletown Kiwanis for the Maple Tree honoring Mayor DeStefano; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurers to deposit the funds in A.2705.04 Misc Donations

Prepared by:
Raelynn Bertholf, Supt of Recreation and Parks

Attachments:
None

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
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THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Green
Seconded by: Alderman Kleiner
Date of Adoption: November 4, 2024
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Ald. Masi				X
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	7			2

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date 11/6/24

Authorization to approve the CherryRoad Security Gap Assessment Proposal

BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes a proposal from CherryRoad for a Security Gap.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Mayor to sign the proposal.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to transfer $50,000 in the following manner to cover the cost of said proposal.

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
A.1900.950	$50,000	A.1331.900
Taxes on Property		Data Processing

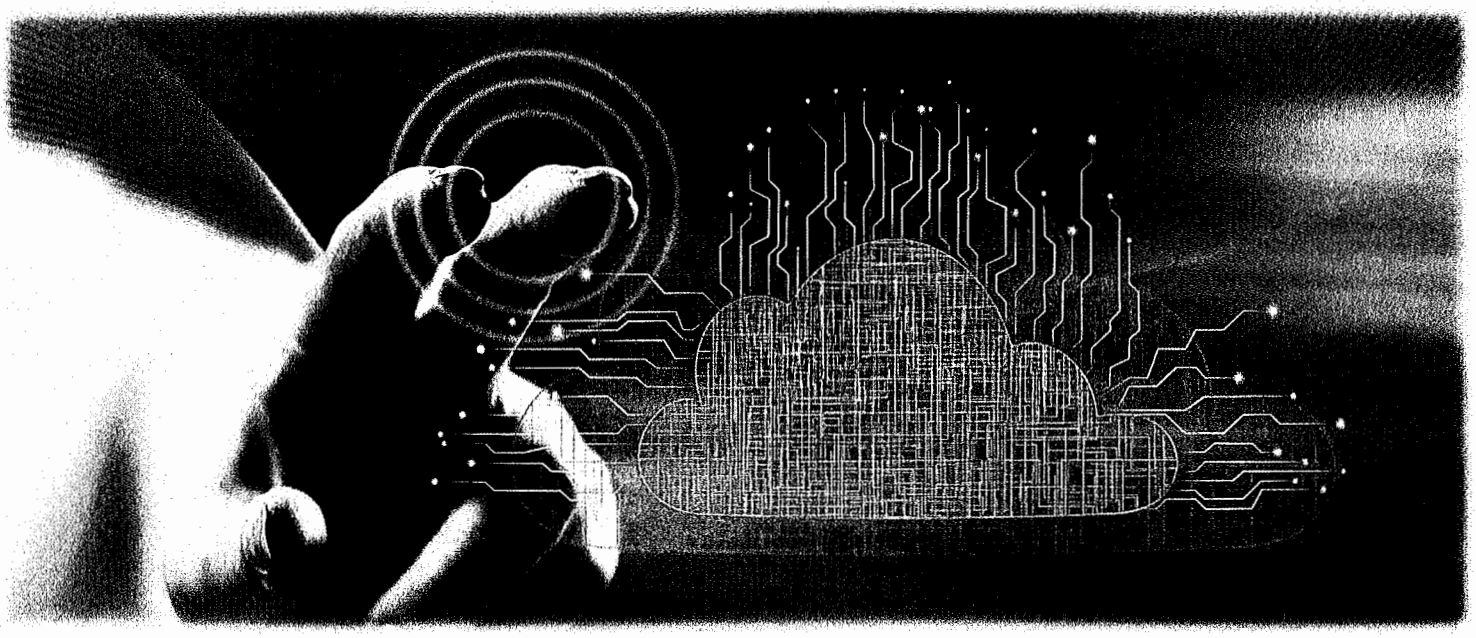
Prepared by:

Leonora Liz, Treasurer

Attachments:

1.	BOE Request_Treasurer 10.29.24_cs
2.	CherryRoad - Middletown Security Gap Assessment_004

CherryRoad technologies



Town of Middletown, NY

Security Gap Assessment

September 24, 2024

CherryRoad Technologies Inc.
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Project Description

CherryRoad Technologies Inc. (CherryRoad) is pleased to present the following agreement for a gap assessment against the NIST Cybersecurity Framework and related regulatory requirements for execution against the security posture of the Town of Middletown, NY (Town).

A gap assessment is a comprehensive examination tailored to uncover any deviations between existing cybersecurity measures and the standards outlined in the chosen/required frameworks (i.e. NIST Cybersecurity Framework, CJIS, etc.). The NIST Cybersecurity Framework is a widely accepted national standard with the purpose of identifying areas of maturity and immaturity within an organization's cybersecurity program. It is a full-spectrum set of recommendations that applies to organizations of all sizes and industries.

We understand that navigating the complex world of information security can be daunting. The CherryRoad team is dedicated to empowering you with the knowledge and expertise needed to safeguard your organization from ever-evolving cyber threats.

The purpose of this quote is to outline the scope of work for a comprehensive cybersecurity assessment and remediation plan tailored to your unique needs. We will conduct a thorough gap assessment against the NIST Cybersecurity Framework v2.0, which provides a structured approach to managing and reducing cybersecurity risk. This assessment will identify areas where your organization excels in cybersecurity preparedness, as well as those that require improvement.

For the in-scope law enforcement areas, we understand the importance of complying with CJIS requirements. If desired, our technical responses can be cross-mapped or independently evaluated to help you comprehend your security stance against these specific regulations as well.

If the Town has other regulatory or insurance-mandated requirements, we will also include those in the assessment effort.

After performing the gap assessments against all of the standards and frameworks above, we will analyze the results and create a plan of action for the prioritized remediation of any discovered deficiencies. Our approach is designed to provide you with actionable insights and practical solutions to address the identified gaps. We will evaluate the gaps and ensure that our output allows you to focus on closing the largest exposures first while also balancing budget, resource availability, and time constraints.

In the Appendix, you will find a list of additional assessments that are available to provide greater granularity of risk comprehension, based on the specific technologies in use within your organization. These services are recommended as baseline capabilities and inspections in most, if not all cases.

These assessments are available a la carte for consideration as remediations to related deficiencies discovered in the assessment.

Gap Assessment

Process

CherryRoad will work directly with the Town leadership to perform a gap analysis focused on reviewing the elements of the NIST Cybersecurity Framework (CSF), CJIS, and any additional regulatory frameworks discovered during the Kick Off Call. Specifically, the assessment will be performed by doing the following:

- Kick Off Call
  - Identify key personnel with a stake in information technology and information security.
  - Discuss and identify any regulatory or insurance requirements for additional assessment standards, which can be handled within the assessment process.
  - Coordinate the performance of an internal and external vulnerability scan to identify point-in-time technological weaknesses within the environment.
    - Town will stand up the vulnerability scanner on existing hardware or in a virtual environment to facilitate this step of the assessment.
    - Town will provide administrative credentials for authenticated scanning.
- Documentation Review
  - Collect and review existing cybersecurity policies, procedures, security controls, and audit reports.
- Assessment Execution
  - Interview key personnel from all IT and security roles, across the entire organization. Note that if there are separate management processes and personnel for different sub-organizations, these will be handled as separate assessments, generating independent recommendation lists. For example, if the Police Department has a different set of security policies and personnel, their deficiencies and strengths will be different from the rest of the Town's IT department, and will thus have their own independent recommendations list.
  - Identify organization's data flow throughout internal systems and boundary security to determine scope.
  - Understand what protections there are for systems, servers, workstations, and users in the organization and determine their effectiveness.
  - Verify the provided known network configuration and mapping and hardware/software asset inventory provided by the Town.
- Deliverables Creation
  - The following deliverables will be handed over at the end of the engagement:
    - Prioritized Plan of Action
    - Maturity Score

  - Security Calendar
  - Findings Presentation
- Findings Presentation
  - PowerPoint presentation showing results in granular format easy for non-technical roles (board members, executive leadership, etc.) to understand.

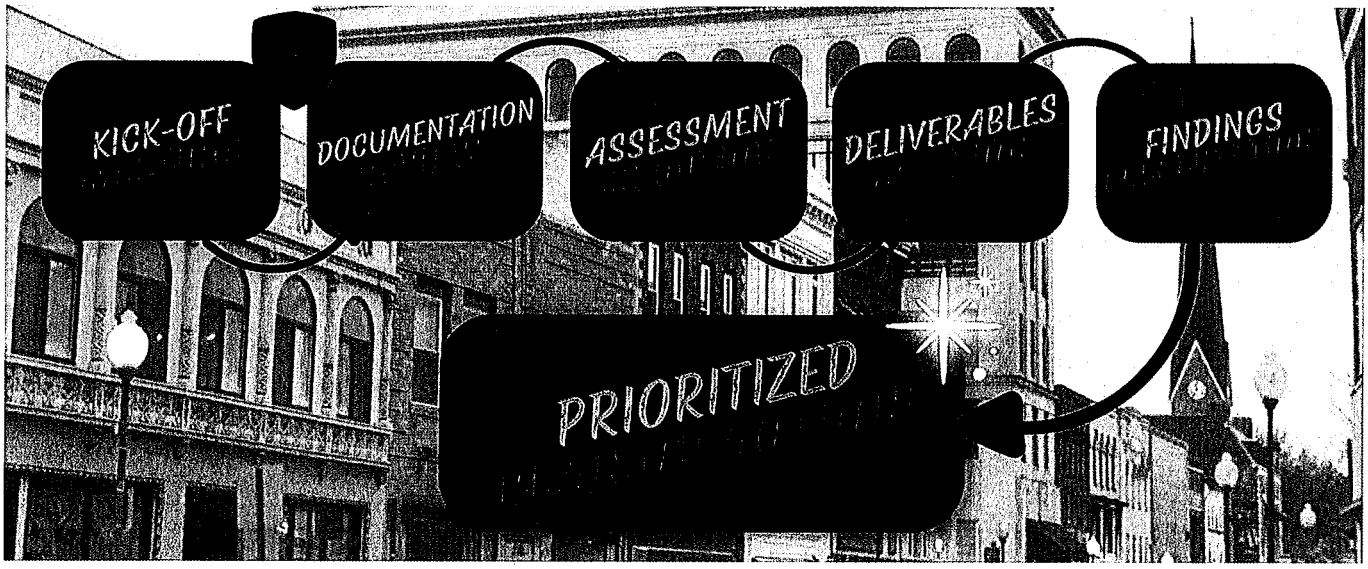
Assumptions

- The gap assessment will be utilized to review information provided by the Town as it relates to the NIST Cybersecurity Framework standard and controls. It is assumed that all information provided by the Town is true and factual and implemented to the level conveyed.
- The network vulnerability scanner will be installed in a network location or locations with access to all ports and protocols to all in-scope computers.
- Assuming there are no major scheduling delays between the assessors and assessed organization's key personnel, the gap assessment is expected to take approximately five (5) weeks.

Deliverables

- Prioritized Plan of Action
  - A document of projects to track and manage the remediation of the identified security vulnerabilities/deficiencies in the organization.
- Maturity Score
  - A numerical grade that will show the organization's current stance against the identified standard (e.g., NIST CSF).
- Security Calendar
  - Timeline that can be used by the organization to plan out key cybersecurity and information technology tasks throughout the year.
- PowerPoint presentation showing results in granular format easy for non-technical roles (board members, executive leadership, etc.) to understand.

Our Gap Assessment Process



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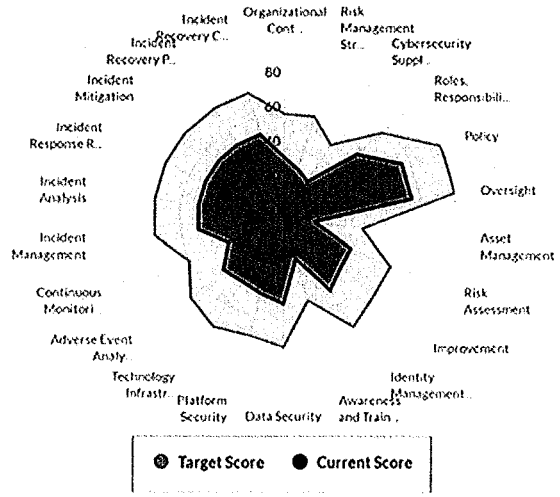
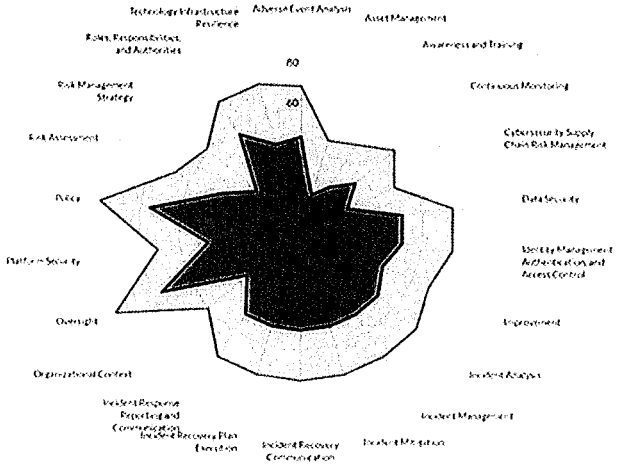
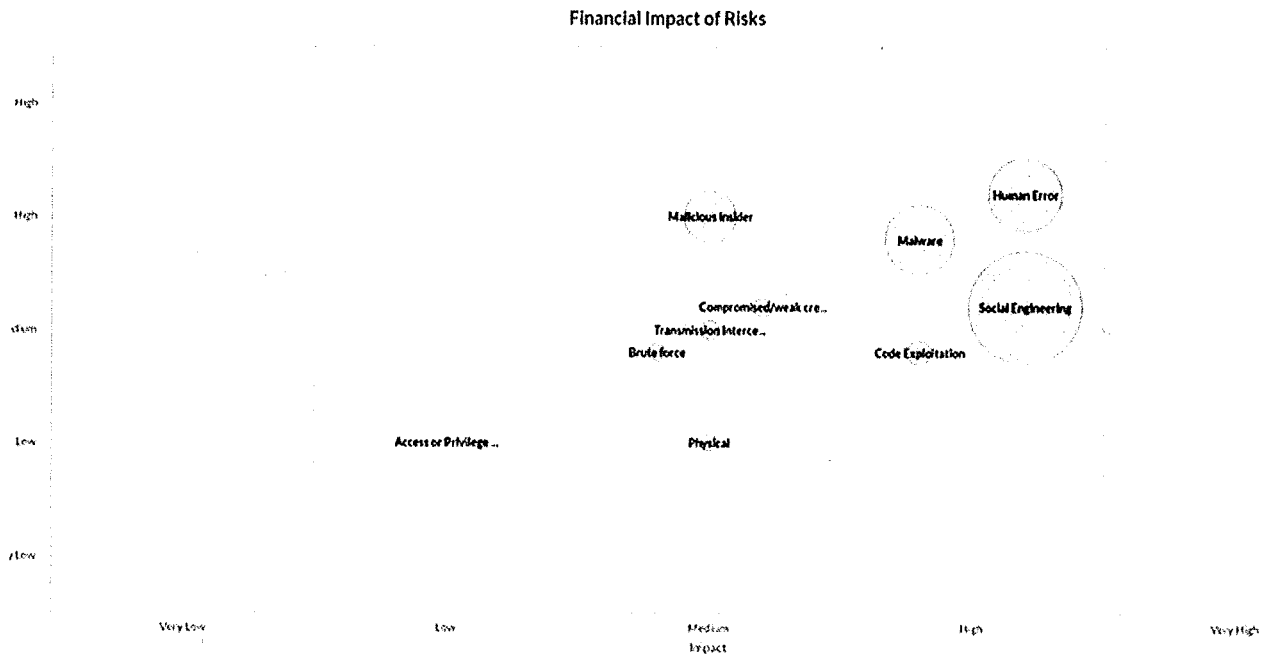
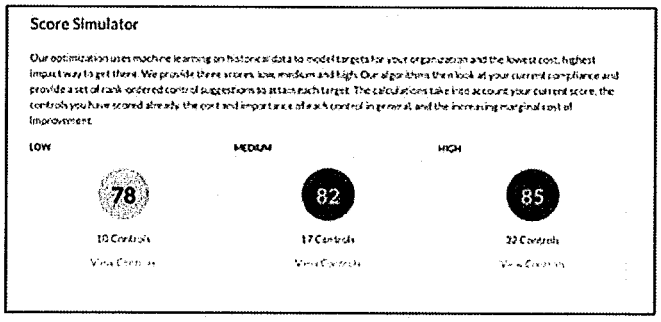






Recommendations (High)

The following recommended actions will drive the most dramatic improvements in the posture of your cybersecurity program. Recommendations listed below account for an algorithmic view of your assessment which is based on importance of implementation as well as cost/benefits for control implementations and will bring your score to 82%. The estimated time frame for implementation, based on our previous experience, should be attainable within a year.



Detailed recommendations for improvements for all assessed controls can be found in the Plan of Actions and Milestones document provided separately.

Control #	Family	Name	Recommendation
3.1.9	Access Control	System Use Notification	Client needs to set up a legal disclaimer that appears before users log in to their domain accounts. Add legal notice to external facing sites.
3.3.6	Audit and Accountability	Audit Record Reduction and Report Generation	Implement the use of current inhouse tool or onboard a 3rd party software for audit record review, analysis, reporting requirements, and after-the-fact investigations of incidents and ensure accurate timestamp data is included.
3.13.10	System and Communications Protection	Cryptographic Key Establishment and Management	Develop central management process for cryptographic keys
3.1.18	Access Control	Access Control for Mobile Devices	Implement policy that requires end users to keep their mobile device updated with the latest patches.

Purchase Agreement

We look forward to helping you understand your security environment more completely!

Name	Price	QTY	Subtotal
Security Gap Assessment	$50,000.00	1	$50,000.00
Optional Services			
☐ External Penetration Test	$4,500.00	1	$5,500.00
☐ Internal Penetration Test	$7,200.00	1	$8,200.00
☐ Microsoft 365 Vulnerability Assessment	$2,700.00	1	$3,700.00
☐ Windows Vulnerability Assessment	$2,700.00	1	$3,700.00
		Total	**$50,000.00**

This quote covers the items listed in the sections above. Please contact your CherryRoad point of contact if you have any questions or would like to make changes.

This quote is valid until 11-23-2024.

Master Service Agreement

This work effort is to be executed under the most recent master service agreement as of the execution date of this statement of work. This will supersede all previously agreed upon master service agreements.

Project Acceptance

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives, Name, Title for Town of Middletown, NY and Stephen Lange, President & COO for CherryRoad Technologies Inc., effective as of the date signed.

Service Recipient:
Town of Middletown, NY

By:

Name, Title

Service Provider:
CherryRoad Technologies Inc.

By:

Stephen Lange, President & COO

Appendix – Optional Services

External Penetration Testing

External penetration testing evaluates a company's internet-facing infrastructure and views it through the eyes of an attacker. Malicious actors are constantly scanning the entire internet for weaknesses and vulnerabilities, but this exercise is scoped to mimic a targeted attack. Periodic external penetration testing will help you understand what attackers see every day. CherryRoad will provide remedial steps, where applicable, to reduce vulnerabilities and misconfigurations to strengthen your external security posture.

To accomplish the above, CherryRoad will perform an external penetration test.

- External Penetration Testing
  - Perform reconnaissance on the company via public data sources to garner information, such as compromised employee accounts, that may be usable in attempts to attack the network.
  - Scan the provided IP addresses in order to obtain a list of targets and enumerate open ports and services via returned signatures from each system.
  - Execute a network vulnerability scan against all externally identified IP addresses and web applications with a leading commercial or open-source vulnerability scanning tool.
  - Determine attack vectors from analysis and attempt to verify threats are legitimate by probing with commercial or open-source tools.
  - Attempt to breach defenses and establish a session whereby the tester can extract information about the internal network.
  - Document evidence of perimeter threats, the network, and security stack.
  - Summarize findings with actionable steps to mitigate threats to the Town's network.
    - Generate an External Penetration Test Report.
      - Enumerates the identified attack vectors attempted in the attack on the Town's network.
      - Outlines the steps taken during the penetration test and which/if any of the vulnerabilities were successfully confirmed.
      - Provides raw scan outputs of all tools used.
  - Generate and deliver a Town Attestation Summary Report.
    - Satisfies Town and insurance requirements.

Internal Penetration Testing

Many companies utilize expensive resources to protect their borders, but neglect security best practices on their users and internal network. CherryRoad will mimic an attacker who is targeting you and utilizes internal network attacks to gain domain-level access to the internal infrastructure. The end goal is to discover technological and process-driven failures and provide actionable recommendations so that the company can direct their attention to implement effective safeguards to improve their security posture.

To accomplish the above, CherryRoad will perform an external penetration test.

- Internal Penetration Testing
  - Perform reconnaissance on the company via public data sources to garner information, such as compromised employee accounts, which may be usable in attempts to attack the network.
  - Scan internal systems to obtain a list of targets and enumerate open ports and services via returned signatures from each system.
  - Execute a network vulnerability scan against all identified IP addresses with a leading commercial or open-source vulnerability scanning tool.
  - Determine attack vectors from analysis and attempt to verify threats are legitimate by probing with commercial or open-source tools.
  - Attempt to breach defenses and establish a session whereby the tester can extract information about the internal network.
  - Document evidence of perimeter threats, the network, and security stack.
  - Summarize findings with actionable steps to mitigate threats to the Town's network.
  - Attack the internal network from an assumed-breach vantage point.
    - We leverage a Town standard-build machine that is domain-joined, along with a standard domain user account, to act as if we are launching from a user that was compromised from a phishing attack.
  - Generate and Deliver an Internal Penetration Test Report.
    - Enumerates the identified attack vectors attempted in the attack on the Town's network.
    - Outlines the steps taken during the penetration test and which/if any of the vulnerabilities were successfully confirmed.
    - Provides raw scan outputs of all tools used.
  - Generate and Deliver a Town Attestation Summary Report
    - Satisfies Town and insurance requirements.

Microsoft 365 Vulnerability Assessment

CherryRoad's Microsoft 365 Vulnerability Assessment confirms the settings in your Microsoft environment against the Center for Internet Security (CIS) security benchmark. This is intended to identify misconfigurations within your Microsoft 365 environment and offer guidance to decrease risk.

- Microsoft 365 Vulnerability Assessment
  - Perform a configuration assessment for the Town's Microsoft 365 tenant against the CIS benchmark.
  - Deliverables:
    - Excel file of all controls, pass/fail status, and remediation actions.
    - Read-out meeting to discuss the findings and offer guidance moving forward.
- The Town will:

- Provide "Global Reader" access.

Windows Vulnerability Assessment

CherryRoad's Windows Vulnerability Assessment reviews your Windows environment for security deficiencies in the specifics of its configuration settings. This assessment is based on the Center for Internet Security (CIS) security benchmark. This is intended to identify misconfigurations and gaps in group policy, initial system configurations, and other common areas of vulnerability.

- Windows Vulnerability Assessment
  - Perform a configuration assessment for the Town's default Windows installation and Group Policies against the CIS benchmark.
  - Deliverables:
    - Excel file of all controls, pass/fail status, and remediation actions.
    - Read-out meeting to discuss the findings and offer guidance moving forward.
- The Town will:
  - Provide a computer for remote access with the organization's standard Windows desktop image installed on it.
  - Provide access to read the organization's group policy objects, along with the ability to inspect where those policies apply in Active Directory's organizational unit tree.

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Johnson
Seconded by: Alderman Tobin
Date of Adoption: November 4, 2024
Index No: 227-24

I hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of a Resolution and/or Local Law adopted by the City of Middletown Common Council.

Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray				X
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi				X
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	7			2

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date 11/6/24

Authorization to transfer within the 2024 City Budget to cover overdrafts and costs for the remainder of 2024

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to makes the following budget transfers:

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
A.1210.400 Mayor's Office Contractual Services	$1,500	A.1210.401 Mayor's Office Travel Expense

To cover the cost of unanticipated travel cost during 2024

A.1900.950 Taxes on City	$9,700	A.1325.460 Finance Collection

Property Agreement
To cover the cost of parking ticket collection costs for the remainder of 2024

A.9000.893 $13,500 A.1362.900
Disability Insurance Tax Sale Expenses
To cover the additional postage cost for the 2024 Bulk Lien Tax Sale

A.1900.910 $5,000 A.1325.100
Liability Insurance Finance Personal Services
To cover the cost of the fiscal assistant in payroll for the remainder of the year. Project-based assistance in NYS Enhanced Reporting Implementation, Timeclock Implementation and Year-end reporting.

A.4785 $3,200 A.1325.100
ARPA Finance Personal Services
To cover the cost of Don Paris APRA Consulting for 2024

A.9000.09 $100,000 A.9000.840
Worker's Comp - tail claims Worker's comp
To adjust worker's premium versus worker's tail claim costs

A.9000.861 $24,000 A.9000.858
NYSHIP Health Insurance Retiree MVP Health Insurance Retiree
To cover the cost of MVP health insurance -retirees for the remainder of 2024

A.9000.860 $150,000 A.9000.859
NYSHIP Health Insurance MVP Health Insurance

F.9000.860 $28,800 F.9000.859
NYSHIP Health Insurance MVP Health Insurance

G.9000.860 $2,300 G.9000.859
NYSHIP Health Insurance MVP Health Insurance
To cover the cost of MVP health insurance for the remainder of 2024

A.8010.900 $400 A.1420.479
Zonng Board Appeals Corp Counsel Equipment Rental
To cover the cost of the Toshiba paper copier overages

Prepared by:

Attachments:

1.	BOE Request_Treasurer 10.29.24

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
City Of Middletown

Leonora Liz
Treasurer

16 James Street
Middletown, NY 10940
Tel: (845) 346-4150
Fax: (845) 343-1101

October 29, 2024

To: The Board of Estimate

From: Leonora Liz, Treasurer

I am requesting from the Board of Estimate to approve and authorize the following transfers to cover overdraft and expenses for the remainder of the year as follows:

	FROM	AMOUNT	TO
1	A.1210.400 Mayor's Office Contractual Services	$ 1,500.00	A.1210.401 Mayor's Office Travel Expense
	To cover the cost of unanticipated travel cost		
2	A.1900.950 Taxes on City Property	$ 9,700.00	A.1325.460 Finance Collection Agreement
	To cover the cost of Parking Ticket Collectons cost for the remainder of 2024		
3	A.9000.893 Disability Insurance	$13,500	A.1362.900 Tax Sale Expenses
	To cover the additional postage cost for the 2024 Bulk Lien Tax Sale		
4	A.1900.910 Liability Insurance	$5,000	A.1325.100 Personal Services
	To cover the cost of the fiscal assistant in payroll for the remainder of the year. Project based assistance in NYS Enhance Reporting Implementation, Timeclock Implentation and Year end reporting.		
5	A.4785 ARPA	$ 3,200.00	A.1325.100 Personal Services
	To cover the cost of Don Paris APRA Consulting for 2024		
6	A.9000.09 Workmens Comp tail claims	$ 100,000.00	A.9000.840 Workmens comp
	To adjust workmens premium versus workmens tail claim cost		
7	A.9000.861 NYSHIP Health Insurance Retiree	$ 24,000.00	A.9000.858 MVP Health Insurance Retiree
	To cover the cost of MVP health insurance -retiree for the remainder of 2024		
8	A.9000.860 NYSHIP Health Insurance	$ 150,000.00	A.9000.859 MVP Health Insurance
	F.9000.860 NYSHIP Health Insurance	$ 28,800.00	F.9000.859 MVP Health Insurance
	G.9000.860 NYSHIP Health Insurance	$ 2,300.00	G.9000.859 MVP Health Insurance
	To cover the cost of MVP health insurance for the remainder of 2024		
9	A.8010.900 Zonng Board Appeals	$400	A.1420.479 Corp Counsel Equipment Rental
	To cover the cost of the toshiba paper copier overages		

Sincerely,

Leonora Liz

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Green
Seconded by: Alderman Kleiner
Date of Adoption: November 4, 2024
Index No: 229-24

I hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of a Resolution and/or Local Law adopted by the City of Middletown Common Council.

Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray				X
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi				X
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	7			2

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor — Date

Request for the County of Orange to Exempt Properties of the City of Middletown from Certain County Real Estate Taxes

Whereas, the City of Middletown wishes to request the County of Orange to exempt the City of Middletown from certain real estate taxes on lands solely devoted to public use as a part of the City of Middletown watershed and related equipment thereon for fiscal year 2026.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, does hereby request the County of Orange, NY, to exempt properties of the City of Middletown, NY from certain County real estate taxes on lands solely devoted to public use as part of the City of Middletown watershed and related equipment thereon and located within the Towns of Mount Hope and Wallkill for the fiscal year 2026, respectively, as follows:

Town of Wallkill

49-1-85.41	999-1-21	999-1-22
999-1-23	999-1-24	999-1-25
999-1-26	999-1-27	999-1-28
999-1-29	999-1-19	999-1-20
48-1-5.12	48-1-5.112	48-1-5.2
48-1-6.1	64-1-2	69-1-15.2
999-1-20.1	49-1-32	49-1-62.2
64-1-4.1	69-1-1.2	64-1-47.322

Town of Mount Hope		
12-1-23	14-1-44.1	14-1-76
14-1-95	14-1-127.2	17-1-19
16-1-32.22	16-1-7416-1-35	16-1-37.2
16-1-36.211	16-1-71..1	

Prepared by:

Attachments:
None

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Kleiner
Seconded by: Alderman Jean-Francois
Date of Adoption: November 4, 2024
Index No: 228-24

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Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray				X
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi				X
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	7			2

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date 11/6/24

Authorization to transfer $10,770.54 Within the Senior Center Budget

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to transfer $10,770.54, in the following manner:

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
A.6772.401 Travel Expense	$50.00	A.6772.440 Repairs to Equipment
A.6772.401 Travel Expense	$200.00	A.672.495 MIsc.
A.2705.04 Senior Donations	$2,610.54	A.6772.450 Material & Supplies
A.2351 Senior Trip Revenue	$5,910	A.6772.467 Senior Trip Expenses
A.2705.04 Senior Donations	$2000	A.6772.200 other equipment

Prepared by:

Julisa Sierra, Senior Center Dir

Attachments:

1.	BOE letter TV donation use Oct 2024
2.	best buy quote 245180154
3.	Argento ref ck 490611
4.	BOE agenda requests Oct 31 2024
5.	BOE letter Budget transfers Oct 9 2024

Senior Transportation: (845) 346-4070
Senior Activities: (845) 346-4071
Fax: (845) 346-4072

MULBERRY HOUSE SENIOR CENTER

City of Middletown, New York
Mulberry House Senior Center
62-70 West Main St
Middletown, NY 10940

Center Information: (845) 346-4073
Senior Travel: (845) 346-4074
Director: (845) 346-4075

October 10, 2024

Board of Estimate
City of Middletown
16 James Street
Middletown, NY 10940

The Senior Citizen Department, Mulberry House Senior Center, respectfully requests the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Estimates approval of fund use from A.2705.04 Senior Donations to purchase 85" Smart TV, sound bar, warranty fees, and set up charges for program use as per members requests. Quote attached for review.

Request to transfer in the amount of $2,110.54 from A. 2705.04 Senior Donations to A.6772.450 Material & Supplies upon approval to purchase said items.

Sincerely,

Julisa Sierra

Julisa Sierra

CLOSE

Quote Details

Print

Quote Number: 245180154

Billing Address	Julisa Sierra Mulberry Senior Living 343 PRICE ST STATHAM, GA 30666	**Shipping Address**	Julisa Sierra Mulberry Senior Living 343 PRICE ST STATHAM, GA 30666

Qty	Product Description	Availability	Delivery/Address	Price	Total Price
1	Samsung - 85" Class DU7200 Series Crystal UHD 4K Smart Tizen TV (2024) **Catalog** Open Market **Item** BB22271092 **Manufacturer** UN85DU7200FXZA	In Stock	**Shipping Address** Ship to my address	$999.99	$999.99
1	Samsung HW-S60D - sound bar - wireless **Catalog** Open Market **Item** BB22285543 **Manufacturer** HW-S60D/ZA Standard Delivery	In Stock	**Shipping Address** Ship to my address	$319.99	$319.99
1	Geek Squad Protection - 5YR 900-999.99 TV GSP **Catalog** Open Market **Item** BB21493085 **Manufacturer** 6353425 Standard Delivery	Usually ships in 3 - 5 days	**Shipping Address** Ship to my address	$249.99	$249.99
1	Geek Squad Protection - 4YR 300-349.99 HTIB GSP **Catalog** Open Market **Item** BB21467835 **Manufacturer** 6369358 Standard Delivery	Usually ships in 3 - 5 days	**Shipping Address** Ship to my address	$64.99	$64.99
1	BBYB 56" & Larger TV Connect & Mounting **Catalog** Open Market **Item** BB11216061 **Manufacturer** 2246428 Standard Delivery	In Stock	**Shipping Address** Ship to my address	$299.99	$299.99
1	Geek Squad - Add On: Advanced Soundbar Installation **Catalog** Open Market **Item** BB12414404 **Manufacturer** 1277646 Standard Delivery	In Stock	**Shipping Address** Ship to my address	$69.99	$69.99

Product Total:	**$2,004.94**
Tax:	$105.60
QUOTE TOTAL:	**$2,110.54**

Sierra

Check #	Batch #	Supplier/Customer Id	Amount
490611	2	Customer Id - 35109	698.00

5947700	10/11/2024	Refund Res# 1251219 for Lettica Argento	698.00

COLLETTE COPY
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VENDOR COPY

WARNING - THIS CHECK IS PROTECTED BY SPECIAL SECURITY FEATURES

Collette Travel Service Inc.
162 Middle Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860

Bank of America
52-153/112 ME

490611

490611

PAY SIX HUNDRED NINETY EIGHT AND 00/100

$698.00
AMOUNT

10/16/2024
DATE

To the Order of
MULBERRY HOUSE SENIOR CENTER
62 W MAIN ST # 70
MIDDLETOWN, NY 10940-5732 USA

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

SECURITY FEATURES INCLUDE INVISIBLE FIBERS · MICROPRINTING · VOID FEATURE PANTOGRAPH · ENDORSEMENT BACKER · BROWNSTAIN CHEMICAL REACTANT

⑈490611⑈ ⑆011201539⑆ 00222007945⑈

Senior Transportation: (845) 346-4070
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Fax: (845) 346-4072

MULBERRY HOUSE SENIOR CENTER

City of Middletown, New York
Mulberry House Senior Center
62-70 West Main St
Middletown, NY 10940

Center Information: (845) 346-4073
Senior Travel: (845) 346-4074
Director: (845) 346-4075

October 28, 2024

Board of Estimate
City of Middletown
16 James Street
Middletown, NY 10940

The Senior Citizen Department, Mulberry House Senior Center respectfully requests the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Estimates approval to increase Senior trip Expenses A.6772.467 from Senior Revenue Line, A. 2351 in the amount of $6,985 for the following additional expense:

- $698 refund due to Letttica Argento for trip cancellation to Europe (copy of check attached received from Collette Travel)
- Amount due to Villa Roma for Dec. 5, 2024 trip $375.00
- Deposit due for March13, 2025 Louis Armstrong Musical of $5,910

I formally request transfer from Senior Trip Revenue line A.2351 to Senior Trip Expense line A.6772.467 in the sum of $5,910, please note attendees have made payments to assume total expenses for trips and City of Middletown does not assume any financial liability for stated expenses.

Sincerely,

Julisa Sierra

Julisa Sierra

Senior Transportation: (845) 346-4070
Senior Activities: (845) 346-4071
Fax: (845) 346-4072

MULBERRY HOUSE SENIOR CENTER

City of Middletown, New York
Mulberry House Senior Center
62-70 West Main St
Middletown, NY 10940

Center Information: (845) 346-4073
Senior Travel: (845) 346-4074
Director: (845) 346-4075

October 9, 2024

Board of Estimate
City of Middletown
16 James Street
Middletown, NY 10940

The Senior Citizen Department, Mulberry House Senior Center respectfully requests the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Estimates approval to for the following budget transfers within budget lines to cover expenses for remainder of 2024:

- From A.6772.401 Travel Expense to A.6772.440 Repairs to Equipment in the amount of $50.00
- From A.6772.401 Travel Expense to A.6772.495 Misc. in the amount of $200.00
- From A.2705.04 Senior Donations to A.6772.450 Material & Supplies in the amount of $2,500.00

Sincerely,

Julisa Sierra

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Jean-Francois
Seconded by: Alderman Green
Date of Adoption: November 4, 2024
Index No: 230-24

I hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of a Resolution and/or Local Law adopted by the City of Middletown Common Council.

Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray				X
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi				X
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	7			2

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor — Date 11/6/24

Authorization to Transfer $8000 within the Economic and Community Development Department for Architectural Services for Round 2 DRI Façade Improvement Program

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to transfer $8000, in the following manner, to pay for architectural services regarding Round 2 - DRI Façade Improvement Program.

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
CD FUND BALANCE	$8,000	CD.9500.900 INTERFUND TRANSFER - GENERAL

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to Increase

A.5031 Interfund Transfer $8,000 and Increase A.6200.400 Economic Development Contractual Services $8,000

Prepared by:
Maria Bruni, Director of Economic and Community Development

Attachments:

1.	OECD 2024 Budget Transfer DRI 2

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
Office of Economic & Community Development

10/31/24

City of Middletown
Board of Estimate
16 James Street
Middletown, New York 10940

RE: Office of Economic & Community Development

Dear Members:

I am requesting budget transfer/adjustment within the Economic & Community Development Department.

Budget Transfer

FROM	**AMOUNT**	**TO**
CD Fund Balance	$8,000	CD.9500.900 Inter Fund Transfer

Budget Adjustment

Increase A.5031 Interfund Transfer	$8,000
Increase A.6200.400 Economic Development Contractual Service	$8,000

This transfer and adjustment are needed to pay for architectural services regarding Round 2 - DRI Façade Improvement Program.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Maria Bruni, Director
Economic & Community Development

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Witt
Seconded by: Alderman Johnson
Date of Adoption: November 4, 2024
Index No: 231-24

I hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of a Resolution and/or Local Law adopted by the City of Middletown Common Council.

Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray				X
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi				X
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	7			2

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date 11/6/24

Authorizes an Agreement with Young Explosives Fireworks Exhibition

BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes an agreement with the Young Explosives Fireworks Exhibition for the annual fireworks display on July 2, 2025, at Fancher Davidge Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Mayor to sign the agreement.

This is a budgeted item. Upon consultation with our Corporation Counsel Mr. Smith, this service is deemed a professional service.

Prepared by:
Maria Bruni, Director of Economic and Community Development

Attachments:

1.	Board of Estimate Fireworks 2025

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
Office of Economic & Community Development

October 31, 2024

City of Middletown
Board of Estimate
16 James Street
Middletown, New York 10940

RE: 2025 Fireworks Display

Dear Members:

I am requesting the approval of Young Explosives Fireworks Exhibition agreement and to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2025 agreement.

The 2025 fireworks display will be held on Wednesday, July 2, 2025 at Fancher Davidge Park. This is a budgeted item.

Upon consultation with our corporation counsel Mr. Smith this service is deemed as a professional service.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Maria Bruni, Director
Economic & Community Development

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Jean-Francois
Seconded by: Alderman Tobin
Date of Adoption: November 4, 2024
Index No: 232-24

I hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of a Resolution and/or Local Law adopted by the City of Middletown Common Council.

Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray				X
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi				X
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	7			2

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date 11/6/24

Authorizes an Renewal Agreement with Marshall and Sterling Insurance

Prepared by:

Attachments:

1.	MSI Fee Agreement 10.14

MARSHALL
STERLING

COMBINED SERVICES AGREEMENT

1. MSI INFORMATION

MSI: Marshall & Sterling, Inc.

Address: 110 Main St. Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Telephone: 845-454-0800

2. CLIENT INFORMATION

Client: City of Middletown

Address: 16 James Street

Telephone: 845-346-4100 Fax: 845-343-4014

Email: mayor@middletownny.gov

3. SCOPE OF SERVICES

City of Middletown ("Client") has contracted with Marshall & Sterling ,Inc ("MSI") as of the 1st day of January , 2025 (the "Effective Date"), to perform the services described in Exhibit "A," attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

4. PAYMENT

The Client shall pay MSI based on selected services and associated charges set forth in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

For future plan years beyond the Effective Date of this Agreement, MSI may change the amount of such fees by providing at least thirty (30) days written or electronic notice to Client prior to renewal of the Agreement.

The Client agrees to remit to MSI the fees covered under this Agreement within thirty (30) days of the invoice date for any covered recurring service described herein.

5. TERM & TERMINATION

A. The term of this Agreement will begin on the Effective Date and will end will expire 31st of December, 2025 , unless terminated in accordance with section B.

B. The Agreement will terminate upon the earliest to occur of the following: (i) mutual written agreement of the parties; (ii) written termination notice provided not less than one hundred and eighty (90) days prior to the end of the Initial Term or any Renewal Term or this Agreement; or (iii) material breach of the Agreement by either party, if such breach is not substantially cured within 15 days after the non-breaching party gives written notice of the breach to the breaching party.

C. If this Agreement is terminated prior to the end of the initial term(s), Client must pay MSI the full-term amount as outlined in this agreement immediately upon termination of this agreement.

6. INSURANCE & LICENSING

With respect to performance of work under this Agreement, MSI shall maintain and shall require all of its subcontractors, MSIs, and other agents to maintain, all required insurance and licensing.

7. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

MSI is an independent contractor, working under their own supervision and direction and is not a representative of Client.

8. CONFIDENTIALITY

All Client and MSI information to which the parties have access to in connection with performance of this Agreement, are confidential between the parties and shall not be disclosed to anyone else, except as shall be necessary to effectuate its terms.

9. MSI'S STANDARD OF CARE

Client has relied upon the professional ability and training of MSI as a material inducement to enter into this Agreement. MSI hereby warrants that all of MSI's work will be performed in accordance with generally accepted and applicable professional practices and standards as well as the requirements of applicable federal, state, and local laws.

10. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement, including all exhibits hereto, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings, whether oral or written, between the parties regarding the subject matter hereof. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by a written instrument executed by both parties.

11. APPLICABLE LAW AND FORUM

This Agreement and all matters concerning its interpretation, performance or enforcement hereof, shall be governed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

MSI -Marshall & Sterling Inc.

By: _____

Name: Yvonne M McCrea

Title: President

CLIENT: City of Middletown

By: _____

Name: Joseph M Stefano

Title: Mayor

Exhibit A: Fee Based Packages & Pricing

Policy Line Description	Description/ Scope of Services	Pricing	Selection
Workers Compensation Policy # WC000122445	**I. IDENTIFICATION** • We will review all aspects of the WC insurance program presently in place. We will obtain and review all policies, evaluating the appropriateness, completeness and compliance of coverage. • We will assist in monitoring the CITY's new WC claims database, including claims needing special attention. • We will meet with appropriate CITY staff, insurance company staff, safety personnel, legal advisors and other individuals as deemed necessary in order to gain valuable perspective on the present overall program and to prioritize important issues. **II. RISK ANALYSIS** • We will review the operation of the current program from both a cost benefit standpoint, as well as from an operating and administrative basis. We will be looking for efficiency improvements and costs savings. • We will present, when requested, a determination of the total cost of WC risk for the CITY in a formal report to establish a basis for planning purposes. • We will, with the assistance of an actuary paid by the CITY, examine WC retention and deductible levels and present our recommendations. • We will, after understanding the CITY's tolerance for WC risk, review alternative methods of financing WC risk and present appropriate options. **III. RISK ADMINISTRATION** **A. General Administration Services** • We will assist with the development of a formal WC Risk Management Policy Statement that will be presented for CITY review and acceptance. This document will establish and state the Risk Management goals of the CITY, set general standards for operating procedures, define responsibilities and outline the requirements for the maintenance of reports and records • We will undertake to develop procedures to coordinate the flow of information between the CITY and MS. **B. Assistance in Brokerage and Insurance Company Relationships** • Appropriate personnel will be made available within a reasonable time period to meet with the CITY as requested. A senor staff person will be available by phone at any time during regular work hours.	***$53,000*** ***Billed Quarterly***	☐

	IV. CLAIM SERVICES - NEW WC: CLAIMS ONLY **A. MS will monitor data on all new WC claims, including:** • We will review initial new WC claim report from CITY for completeness. • We will confirm new WC claim report was properly sent to the carrier. • We will confirm the carrier received the new WC claim report and established a claim. • We will confirm the carrier's Nurse Advocate made contact with the injured employee. • We will confirm the Transitional Duty Program form was sent to the injured employee's Medical Provider, as appropriate. • We will confirm the Medical Provider form has been returned to the CITY to be forwarded to the carrier, as appropriate. • We will confirm additional indemnity for injured employees subject to S. 207a or S. 207c is being correctly handled. • We will suggest the carrier initiate surveillance or increase surveillance, as appropriate. • We will review loss history on a quarterly basis to identify frequency and severity patterns regarding new WC claims only. • We will research and advise the CITY, when requested, on coverage or coverage issues related to specific new WC claims.		

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Jean-Francois
Seconded by: Alderman Kleiner
Date of Adoption: November 4, 2024
Index No: 233-24

I hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of a Resolution and/or Local Law adopted by the City of Middletown Common Council.

Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray				X
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi				X
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	7			2

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date 11/6/24

Authoizes a Proposal from CDM Smith for Air Facility Permit Renewal at the Waste Water Treatment Plant

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes a proposal from CDM for Air Facility Permit Renewal at the Waste Water Treatment Plant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Mayor to sign the agreement.

Prepared by:
Jacob Tawil

Attachments:

1.	CDM SMITH MEMO AND PROPOSAL- AIR FACILITY RENEWAL

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 4, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor DeStefano, Council President Rodrigues and Members of the Common Council

Cc: Richard McCormack, City Clerk

From: Jacob Tawil, Commissioner of Public Works J. T.

Re: CDM Proposal Air Facility Permit Renewal at WWTP

We are hereby respectfully requesting approval and signature of the attached proposal from CDM Smith in the amount of $16,100 for engineering services in preparing the renewal application for the Wastewater Treatment Plant's Air Facility Permit. Available funds within the WWTP budget will be used.

Thank you.

JT/kg

CDM Smith

October 31, 2024

Jacob S Tawil, P.E.
Commissioner
Department of Public Works
City of Middletown
16 James Street
Middletown, NY 10940

Subject: City of Middletown, Department of Public Works–
Proposal for Engineering Services to Prepare and Air Facility Registration Renewal for the City of Middletown Wastewater Treatment Plant

Dear Mr. Tawil:

Camp Dresser McKee & Smith (CDM Smith) is pleased to submit this proposal to prepare an Air Facility Registration (AFR) renewal application for submittal to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYDEC) for the City of Middletown Department of Public Works (DPW), Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP).

Project Understanding

The DPW received a letter from the NYSDEC dated 9 October 2024, requesting the DPW provide a complete application to renew the AFR (air permit ID 3-3309-00038/00004) for the WWTP. The DPW is requesting CDM Smith to develop this application so that it can be submitted to the NYSDEC by December 29, 2024.

The following paragraphs outline the scope of work required to provide a complete AFR application.

Task 1 – Data Collection

CDM Smith will work closely with DPW staff to collect and verify the information and documentation necessary to complete the AFR renewal application. The information to be collected would include:

- A description of operations at the WWTP, including a process sketch of facility units and a plot plan or facility layout drawing – Confirm No Changes
- Sufficient data on facility activity to develop air emission inventories for the application, including:
    - Inlet wastewater flows to the facility,
    - Operating durations (hours/year) and/or annual fuel consumption for combustion units such as boilers, heaters, and generator engines, and

- Identification of emission sources and air pollutant or odor control devices. (The existing facility has one odor control system, equalization tank and sludge storage tanks, one flare, several boilers and an emergency engine).

CDM Smith will review the application forms and NYDEC instructions to determine if additional information would be needed to complete the application.

Task 2 – Emission Calculations

CDM Smith will develop emission inventories for criteria air pollutants, as well as persistent, bio-accumulative, and toxic compounds as currently listed in 6 NYCRR Subpart 201-9. One set of draft calculations will be provided to the DPW for review and comment. One final set will be developed, incorporating comments from the DPW, for inclusion in the application package.

- Assumption: This scope and budget assume the emissions criteria and persistent, bio-accumulative, toxic compounds will be less than the thresholds subject to the 6 NYCRR 212 evaluation. If such thresholds are exceeded, additional funding would be required to complete the Part 212 evaluation.

Task 3 – AFR Renewal Application Preparation

CDM Smith will develop the AFR renewal application package including:

- Completed application form(s),
- Process operations description,
- Standard Industrial Classification Code (SIC) or North American Industrial Classification System Code (NAICS) for the facility,
- Emission calculations for all regulated air pollutants and persistent, bio-accumulative, and toxic compounds,
- A listing of the emission sources at the facility, and
- A listing of all applicable New York State and Federal requirements.

One draft application package will be submitted to the DPW for review and comment. One final package will be prepared, incorporating responses to DPWs comments, for submittal to NYDEC.

Deliverables

- One draft set of emission calculation results
- One final set of emission calculation results
- One draft AFR renewal application package

- One final AFR renewal application package

ssumptions

- Middletown Department of Public Works will provide sufficient process operations data to allow completion of the emission calculations.
- No 6 NYCRR 212 evaluation will be required.
- No air dispersion modeling will be required.

Schedule

The draft AFR application will be provided to Middletown Department of Public Works within 4 weeks of obtaining the required data from the DPW and the final AFR application will be provided within 1 week of receiving comments from the DPW on the Draft AFR.

Fee

CDM Smith's proposed fee for this project is $16,100.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (516) 730-3916.

Very truly yours,

Keith F. Kelly, P.E.
Partner
Camp Dresser McKee & Smith

cc: John Pehrson, CDM Smith
Elizabeth Eastman, CDM Smith

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Jean-Francois
Seconded by: Alderman Green
Date of Adoption: November 4, 2024
Index No: 234-24

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Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

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Total	7			2

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date 11/6/24

Authorization to Award Bids for the Renovation of the Court House

WHEREAS A request for bids for the new courthouse was advertised in the paper on August 28, 2024, and received by the DPW Office on October 10, 2024, and

WHEREAS the bids were opened at 4:00 pm on October 10, 2024, and were read aloud during the Board of Estimate meeting.

WHEREAS the Department of Public Works concurs with the recommendation of our project engineers, Barton & Loguidice, and
Now, therefore be it resolved that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby awards the following bids for work on the new courthouse:

General Construction - Vinco Builders, LLC $2,459,000.00
Additive Bid Item No. 1 - Roof Replacement $247,000.00

Additive Bid Item No. 2 - Front Entry Canopy $131,000.00
Additive Bid Item No. 3 – Rear Canopy $159,000.00

Mechanical Construction – DJ Heating & Air Conditioning $1,024,000.00

Plumbing Construction – Aero Plumbing & Heating $459,000.00

Electrical Construction – Harry F. Rotolo & Son, Inc. $554,744.00

Please note that we have about $3 million allocated from City funding and $3 million through a pending grant from State of NY, through Senator Skoufis' Office.

Prepared by:
Jacob Tawil

Attachments:

1.	MEMO- JACOB TO COUNCIL AWARD COURTHOUSE BIDS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 4, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor DeStefano, Council President Rodrigues and Members of the Common Council

Cc: Richard McCormack, City Clerk

From: Jacob Tawil, Commissioner of Public Works

Re: New Courthouse Project: Award Bids

We are respectfully requesting a council resolution to award the bids for the above referenced project. Request for bids were advertised in the paper on August 28, 2024 and received by the DPW Office on October 10, 2024 where bids were opened at 4:00pm and were read aloud during the Board of Estimate meeting. We concur with the recommendation of our project engineers, Barton & Loguidice, for awarding the bids as follows:

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Seconded by: Alderman Green
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Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date 11/6/24

Resolution Authorizing the Accounts be Audited, Claims Adjusted, and the Treasurer be Authorized to Issue Warrants for their Payment

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Prepared by:

Attachments:
None